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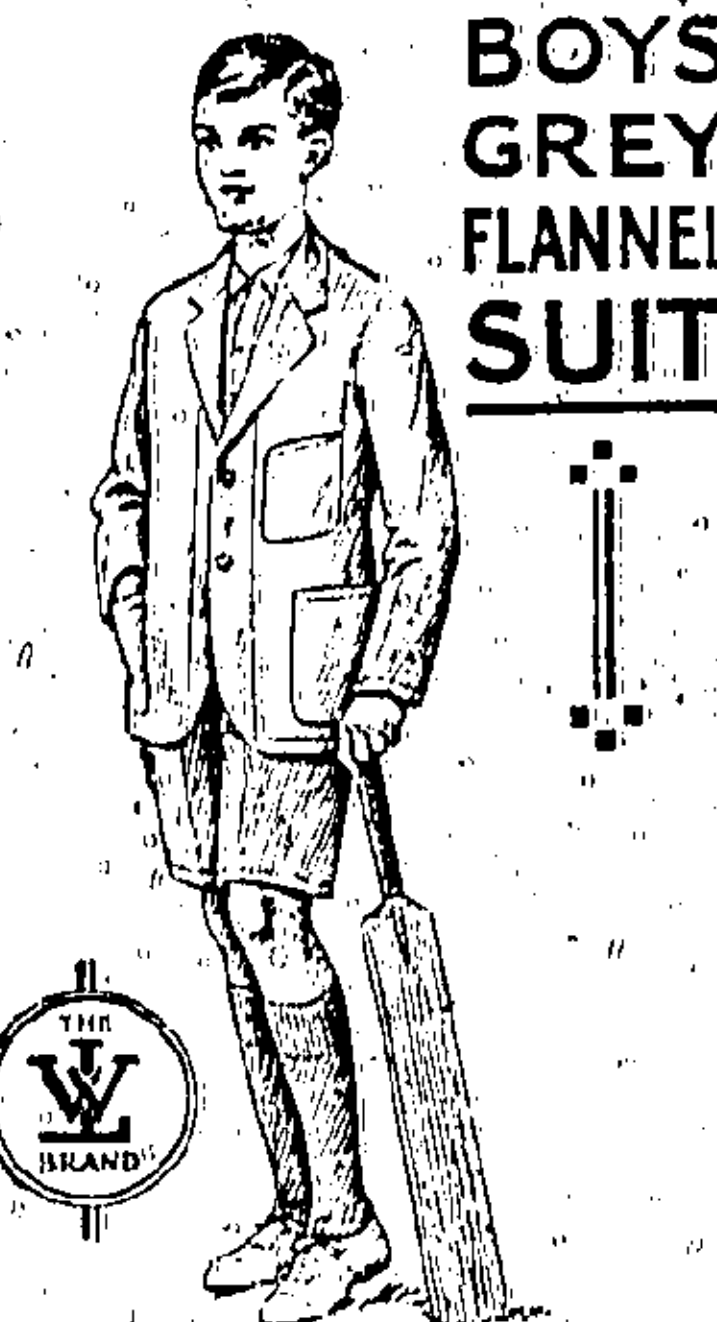


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ANTI-BRITISH RIOTS.

CANTON DAMAGE AT CHUNGKING.

Extensive Yangtse Precaution.

HONG KONG FIRMS' HOMES WHICH HAVE BEEN LOOTED.

At this distance it may not be easy to appreciate the dangers besetting Britons along the Yangtse River, owing to agitation by malcontents. These last few weeks' reports have been published daily about the boycott up there and about indiscriminate firing on British ships.

More detailed information is to hand by mail. Reprinted below, the reports combine to form a graphic narrative for Hong Kong with its experience of all-feeling.

A detailed estimate of the damage done to British property at Chungking when riotous mobs, in the frenzy of anti-British agitation, looted the residences and offices of the British community, forcing the evacuation of the community, has been prepared by Mr. W. A. Lewis, Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce, and communicated to the American Consul who has been in charge of British interests during the absence of the British Consul. Vigorous protests Unheeded.

According to the statement of Mr. Lewis, three of the houses destroyed will have to be rebuilt at a cost of Tls. 25,000, and that in spite of vigorous protests to the Defence Commissioner, Gen-

stating that should Britain fail to settle the incident fairly and reasonably or wish to sever friendly relations between the two countries, both politically and economically, they would accept the challenge, and ask the Minister to convey the message to his Home Government.—"Toho."

HANKOW TROUBLE.

Foreigner in Motor Car Stopped by Crowd.

Hankow, Oct. 8.

It cannot be ignored that the work of the agitators is bearing fruit in a noticeable difference of demeanour among the coolies.

ADMIRAL ARRIVES.

Hankow, Oct. 15.

Rear-Admiral Cameron (British S.N.O., Yangtse), on H.M.S. "Bee," arrived in Hankow to-day. The inspection of shipping entering Hankow from down river has ceased; but from above Hankow, it is temporarily continued. The local situation is unchanged.—Naval Despatch.

Chungking, Oct. 15.

The situation here (following the anti-British agitation) continues to improve slowly.—Naval Despatch.

eral Wang Feng-chow, nothing had been done up to September 27, at least, to control the militia who played a great part in the looting.

In his statement, Mr. Lewis states: Captain Schaffer and I visited the various bungalows on the first and second Ranges and found them in a disgraceful condition, pure and simple vandalism. Following are particulars.

Bruner Mond and Co.'s bungalow completely looted; even deco taken, building not so very badly damaged; window panes, etc., broken.

Hong's Houses Looted.

Butterfield and Swire's bungalow completely looted, large pieces of furniture which could not be taken away broken, building not damaged.

Friends School. Very slight damage. Window broken. Slightly looted.

U.S. Enlisted men's bungalow. Just commencing to break up, probably finished by now.

Barry's A. P. C. bungalow (2). All floor boards, window and door frames removed, also stairs. Walls knocked down and hole made in roof.

Mackenzie and Co.'s bungalows (2). Same as above.

British Navy bungalow men's. Same as above.

British Navy Bungalow. Officers'. Same as above, also part of roof knocked down.

Jardine Matheson's bungalow. Upper. Only outer walls and roof remains.

Jardine Matheson's bungalow. Lower. Practically the same as upper bungalow except that floor boards in two of the upstairs rooms have been left.

Customs No. 1 bungalow. Windows, door frames, floor boards and pillars removed.

Customs Outdoor Staff bungalow. Everything removed including verandah. Only walls and roof left.

[Note: Some of the lesser known residences have been omitted.]

Britain Challenged.

Peking, Oct. 10.

In connection with the Wansien Incident, a Szechuanese organisation has sent a warning to the British Minister yesterday.

POLICE PROTECTION.

Canton Sincerity About Traffic.

NIGHT-BOATS FOR TRADE!

Nationalist Attitude on the New Surtaxes.

Efforts to resume pre-strike conditions have now developed to an extent when each new shipping departure is considered a matter of routine. There is not that importance attached to each movement that there was at the beginning of the week; and it will soon be too heavy a task to note each individual trip.

To practically every port in Kwangtung, and to Wuchow, Kwangsi, ships are now leaving from Hong Kong.

But about the best news so far is the fact that the authorities in Canton are providing detachments of police to accord protection and preserve order, when the steamers from Hong Kong go alongside wharves.

Crews Left Alone.

There has been no more interference by pickets. Special posses of police are stationed at the wharves on the Bund so that pas-

PEKING OR CANTON?

Foreign Ministers Not United.

RECOGNITION OF CABINET.

Conditions of Chaos in Northern Capital.

Much having been said about the right or wrong in recognising the Canton Government—as opposed to Peking—the following will enable foreigners to make comparisons. These last two weeks, the "China Mail" has given publicity to arguments for and against Canton. Now we are told about conditions in Peking.

Another point that is worthy of particular note is the success which Cantonese agitators have met with, even in the heart of the opposition capital.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Peking, Oct. 6.

Dr. Wellington Koo, who yesterday assumed office as acting Premier, and took on as well the portfolio of Minister for Foreign Affairs, began by facing an almost impossible task which this afternoon, with surprising suddenness, was given a brighter prospect.

ON TWO FLANKS.

Southerners' Drives on Kiangsi.

ALLIES CLAIM VICTORIES.

Hostilities on Banks of Yangtse River.

[By Our Special Correspondent.] Reinforced by men of the 8th Army brought up from Wuchang, the southerners made another attack on Marshal Sun Chuan-fang along the banks of the Yangtse River.

Simultaneous with this fresh drive on Kiukiang, an offensive was launched on Nanchang. A decision has not yet been reached on either sector but the northern Allies claim to have repulsed the Cantonese and driven them back.

The 8th Army, it will be recalled, was engaged in laying siege to Wuchang. When that city fell, several thousands of men were immediately transferred to the Kiangsi-Hupeh sector. General Tang Sang-chee is the commander and this latest action points to there being no "understanding" between him and Marshal Sun Chuan-fang.

Chang Kai-shek in Field. One despatch says that a division of the 8th Army made an attempt to envelop Wusueh from the land side. The fighting was very determined and use was

IS NANCHANG CAPTURED?

Hankow, Oct. 15.

The southerners are reported to have captured Nanchang but this is unconfirmed.

Heavy fighting is reported in the vicinity of Wusueh (Wusueh?) though firing on ships has ceased for the moment.—Naval Despatch.

made, it is said, of the Allied gunboats stationed there.

Wusueh is at the northern end of the front and Nanchang the south.

General Chang Kai-shek is in personal command on the centre. He has also changed his troops around, putting the weaker divisions on the flanks.

An allied communique claims that their reserves have not yet been thrown into the war. The "Wah Tsz Yat Po" states guardedly that the Cantonese garrison in Kwangtung (East River) have captured the town of Wing Ting in Fukien.

IN THE KIANGSI ZONE.

Southerners' Drive on Nanchang Sector.

A batch of war reports received last night by mail confirm the cabled messages published during the last few days. The gist is that the southerners came perilously near to taking Kiukiang, but have since been pushed back, as reported in the "China Mail."

Kiukiang, Oct. 11. The southern troops have once again begun to take the offensive in the Nanchang sector and are now engaged in fierce fighting with the Allied forces. It is reported that the railway in the neighbourhood of Lohwa has been destroyed again by the southern troops.

General Chen Tiao-yuan's (northern) troops have once more been transported in the direction of Wusueh apparently due to the advance of the southerners towards Chichun. Judging from all accounts available, the war situation, it appears, is reversing against the Allied forces.—"Toho."

Sun's Earlier Successes.

Hankow, Oct. 8. It seems to be most probable that the statement that a force of Sun Chuan-fang's troops which were sent up the railway have succeeded in clearing the southerners off the line is true.

It is also stated that the escaping force has now taken refuge in the foot hills north-west of Kiukiang, but are being followed by Sun's men.

A southern report would also confirm this position as it is announced that their force at Te-an has suffered a slight reverse.

SENSATION IN LOCAL SOCCER WORLD.



"When the Hong Kong Football Club Reserves broke a monopoly of defeats and surprised China Athletic 'A' by 2 goals to 1 last Saturday."

Yesterday a foreigner was going out by the Tachimen in a motor car, to one of the godowns. He found the road blocked by a crowd and he was promptly stopped by one of the soldiers on duty there. This man could speak a little English and he told the foreigner that he could go no further. "Seeing that he was to

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DESTROYERS HERE.

ARRIVAL WITNESSED BY CROWDS.

IMPRESSIVE SIGHT.

Watchers on the Praya at 5.45 p.m. yesterday witnessed an impressive sight in the arrival of H.M.S. "Keppel" and the third Destroyer Flotilla.

Their arrival was somewhat in the nature of a surprise in view of arrival having been timed originally for to-day and of later reports indicating that it was not deemed probable that they would arrive before Sunday.

The best point of vantage was the west of the Praya, in the neighbourhood of the Steamboat Company's wharf, as here, the eight vessels comprising the flotilla, were observed entering together from the Sulphur channel.

The "Keppel" led the way, followed by the others in line, four halting at the Yaumati Admiralty anchorage and the "Keppel" and three others proceeding to the central Admiralty anchorage. The progress of the vessels was watched by interested crowds, particularly at the ferry wharf. Two ferries crossing the harbour at the time had to stand by in mid harbour whilst the destroyers passed.

sengers can land or embark at liberty. The crews have not been intimidated. Shop folks visiting the ship are not molested. Though there has been no incident to serve as a criterion, the people feel that the Canton police will make it their duty to ensure free traffic.

One reason that has been advanced goes a long way towards explaining the comparatively small quantity of merchandise that has been shipped.

Those Paying Levies.

The Chinese, they say, prefer to trade on night boats as they have practically all day—instead of a few hours—in which to work cargo, on account of the different hours of arrival and departure.

There are no night sailings now because of the existence of martial law at Whampoa.

From inquiries made by the "China Mail" it appears that the Canton Surtax Bureau has not made any determined attempt to collect the "domestic levies" on any thorough scale.

The majority of those who have gone to the Bureau, made declarations and paid, appear to be Chinese exporters. As far as is known, staffs from the Bureau have not been sent to out-stations.

Wait for Goodwill.

An impression is gaining ground that the Nationalist Government is content to let matters remain as they are until the attitude of the Powers becomes more defined, hoping still that it will be possible to work through the Chinese Maritime Customs. Accordingly, it is thought that until the Diplomatic Corps at Peking takes action, Canton will let the temporary arrangements stand for the present.

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Peking, to-night, is wondering if tacit recognition has been given to Dr. Koo's government—a recognition carefully withheld from many past cabinets.

What the Ministers Did. It happened thus:—This morning Dr. Koo made the round of the Legations, paying formal calls and announcing to the Ministers of the Powers the fact that he has assumed office.

Late this afternoon, the Japanese, Belgian, Netherlands, Spanish, Norwegian and Chilean Ministers called upon Dr. Koo in a body, and many other ministers called by proxy or sent cards before 5.30. The British, American, French and Italian Ministers did not call.

For many years in Peking official calls of this kind have been held tantamount to recognition, and the capital is agog with excitement and speculating over the turn of affairs.

Meanwhile the influence of Chang Tso-lin in the new government bulks larger and larger. Several cabinet officials are known to have withheld consent to taking the portfolio until they heard from the Mukden warlord by wire, and Dr. Koo himself read to the cabinet at noon to-day a congratulatory message from Chang in which the Marshal addresses him as "brother."

It is considered noteworthy that no publicity has been given to any messages from Wu Pei-fu—if, indeed, any have been received.

Even if to-day's calls do mean recognition coming to Dr. Koo he will have his hands full. The government is bankrupt; there is no coal in the city, and little prospect of getting any before winter sets in; unemployment is general, and business very poor.

No Money in Teaching. Yesterday the heads of all nine of the government schools resign-

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Hong Kong, 5th October, 1926.

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1. "That the nominal sterling capital of the Company existing at the date when this Resolution is confirmed as a special Resolution be converted into Hong Kong currency at such rate of exchange as may be determined by the Board, and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the Hong Kong equivalent of such sterling capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of \$11,000,000 Hong Kong currency, divided into 275,000 shares of \$40 each."

2. "That each of the issued sterling shares of the Company of the nominal value of £5 each, upon each of which the sum of £5 has been paid, be converted into one share of the nominal value of \$40 Hong Kong currency, at such rates of exchange as may be resolved upon and determined by the Board, and accordingly that 216,606 shares out of the 275,000 shares of the nominal value of \$40 each, constituting the capital of the Company so converted and increased may be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Company at the date when this Resolution is confirmed as a special Resolution in exchange for the sterling shares then held by them."

3. "That the Articles of Association be altered by deleting Article 184 and substituting therefor the following articles:—

184. "A dividend, instalment of dividend, or interest payable in cash by the Company to a shareholder in respect of a share, may be paid by posting a cheque, order or warrant for the amount in a cover directed to the shareholder, or by payment of a cheque or granting of an order or warrant on production of such share. Every such warrant shall be made payable to the Company's Head Office or other appointed place of payment. The Company shall be discharged from liability for the sum expressed in any warrant by payment or endorsement thereon, purporting to be made by the person therein named, or by any other person on his behalf, and no person shall be entitled to payment of any dividend, instalment, or interest, or bonus, or interest for which a warrant shall have been so posted, or for which payment shall have been made by a cheque or the granting of an order or warrant on production of the dividend book as aforesaid, except upon presentation of the warrant."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY given that should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held on the 10th day of November, 1926, at the same time and place.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 14th October, 1926.

NOTICES.

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

SURTAX FOR FAMINE RELIEF. LEVY OF.

WITH reference to Notifications of 13th and 20th September, the Inspector General of Customs now directs that Famine Relief Surtax is not on this occasion to be levied on the local 50% Surtax already charged on the Likin and Chingfei Collection, but only on the Likin and Chingfei proper.

W. O. LAW,
Deputy Commissioner in charge
ad interim,
For Kowloon District,
Yauk Buildings,
Hong Kong, 15th October, 1926.

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Port Development.

The Port Development Department has been re-absorbed into the Public Works Department under the supervision of the Director of Public Works and the separate post of Port Engineer has been abolished—the holder now on leave being transferred to the post of Manager, Railway which will shortly fall vacant. This change has been made after the fullest consideration by His Excellency who is satisfied not only that in the present state of the Colony's finances the continuance of a separate Port Development Department would be unjustifiable but also that the Port Development works are in the long run closely inter-connected with works falling under the Public Works Department as to make it necessary to bring them all under the same control. Provision has been made under Port Development for one new temporary Engineer to carry out the survey of the Harbour, the necessity for which was recently represented to the Finance Committee.

Storm Damage.

Public Works Recurrent estimates are mainly for maintenance and minor improvements, and recurrent expenditure such as against storm and typhoon damages. It is the considered opinion of the Government that when economy and even retrenchment are necessary it is of the utmost importance to maintain existing roads and buildings in a state of complete repair and it has been observed that the sums voted under this Head have very frequently been exceeded in the past. The amount expended in 1924 was \$1,793,968, in 1925 \$1,674,431. The Estimates for 1926 was \$1,199,700 and the actual expenditure will probably be \$1,880,000—\$748,985 of which represents expenditure due to the great storm on July 19 last. While it is not possible to provide for such exceptional catastrophes it is considered a wise precaution to provide for the full normal expenditure. The votes have therefore been generally increased and the total has been carried out at \$1,540,000.

The Greatest Reduction.

That of Public Works Extraordinary is the one head of expenditure on which it is possible to curtail expenditure in times of difficulty without seriously impairing the general efficiency of the administration or the health and comfort of the people. The works are of a special and extraordinary nature and however desirable such works may be they can only be undertaken if money is available to pay for them. The policy of the Government in view of the financial situation is to continue and so far as possible complete the large works to which the Colony in its very proper policy of development found itself committed when the crisis of last year arose.

The Government is fully aware of the many works which in the opinion of the Public are desirable and even necessary and among these the Government places high on the list the rebuilding of the Government Civil Hospital; but these works could only be undertaken by an increase of taxation or by borrowing. After full consideration the Government is of opinion that it is in the best interests of the Colony to reduce our commitments on large works, and while maintaining what we have and keeping our staff ready for action to postpone to initiation of any new project of large public works until the financial and political horizons are alike more favourable.

Horizon Clearing?

We are already committed by necessity to starting down the facile path of borrowing, it would be easy to accelerate the pace but the Government could not recommend so dangerous a policy at the present moment. We have every reason, especially in view of the events of the last few days, to hope that the horizon will clear, and when the Colony is flourishing again, as we are sure it will, the revenue will increase, opportunities for favourable borrowing will arise and the Government will be prepared to start again on the forward policy which is for the moment held in abeyance.

In pursuance of this policy the expenditure on Public Works Extraordinary has been reduced to \$3,706,284, itself no mean figure for a Colony of the size of Hong Kong, as against a probable expenditure this year of nearly six million dollars. This year will, it is hoped, see the completion of the Fire Brigade Station, the new cells at the Magistracy, the extension of the Sisters' Quarters at the Government Civil Hospital, King's College, the Ventris Road Quarters, the Quarry Bay School, the Kowloon Hospital, the Shek Lai Pui Reservoir and connected works, the Pipere Hill Reservoir and various roads and Police Quarters. The details of the works to be undertaken this year are given in the printed Estimates.

Dr. Koch's Motion.

The Colonial Secretary referred in this connection to a vote for \$288,000

connected with a scheme for preventing the constant flooding of the Happy Valley area and invited the attention of members to the recent debate on a motion by the Honourable Dr. Koch. In the course of which much was said on the need for improved methods of dealing with heavy rainfalls. It is hoped, he said, that the completion of these works will obviate the damage from floods in this area in future.

No New Prison.

The Government regrets that it is unable to proceed with the proposed new prison on the Kai Tak Reclamation.

In anticipation of the completion of the new prison repairs had been reduced to the minimum at Victoria Gaol and it has therefore become necessary to ask for a special vote this year.

The Colonial Secretary referred to the balance of the vote of \$907,680 required to repair the damage done on Hong Kong Island alone by the storm of July 19 last which, he said, is a gentle reminder of the damage one might do and of the need to hold in reserve some unallocated surplus balance to meet contingencies of this kind.

Kowloon-Canton Railway.

The policy of the Government is to maintain the Railway in the highest state of efficiency so that it will be ready to take full advantage of that re-opening of through traffic which we hope will take place at an early date. The Railway, owing to circumstances outside our control has proved an expensive luxury during the current year but it would be very false economy to allow it to deteriorate. The earnings of the Railway depend on the state of South China and until South China is once more in a state of peace and prosperity the revenue derived from the Railway must inevitably suffer. As you are aware the Fanling-Sha Tau Kok Branch has been re-opened and provision is made for its maintenance and running expenses.

Naval Volunteers.

The Colonial Secretary referred to the proposed formation locally of a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and said: The matter has been carefully gone into with the Naval Authorities in Hong Kong who are of opinion that the Naval Volunteers would be of great assistance both to them and to the Colony in times of emergency, and that the scheme is practicable. The Admiralty have been asked if one runabout of the "Insect" class could be sent out to Hong Kong about the middle of next year, the runabout to be loaned to this Government which would then undertake the cost of upkeep, fuelling and trained personnel. The Scheme will depend for its success on the response made to a call for Volunteers and this call cannot be made until the details have been more fully worked out with the Naval Authorities. It is not possible to make more than a very rough estimate of the annual cost, but it is anticipated that \$40,000 for the half year will be sufficient, and in view of the importance attaching to this new proposal the Government feels justified in asking the Council to make provision for starting the Scheme next year.

The Military Contribution shows a reduction of \$621,228 the one drop of cold comfort derived from a falling revenue.

Bathing Beaches.

Under Miscellaneous Services, reference was made to the fact that it had not been found possible to include in the 1927 Estimates any vote for Special Expenditure to carry out the recommendations of the Bathing Beaches Committee. The report involves considerable investigation and estimates could not be prepared in time for the Budget.

In conclusion, the Colonial Secretary said: We do not pretend that the Colony has not suffered from the machinations of its enemies, but it is not the desert island its detractors would like the world to believe; and I venture to think that the Budget now presented is one among other proofs of the inherent vitality of this important British Colony.

FAR EAST PORTS.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended October 9 reads:—

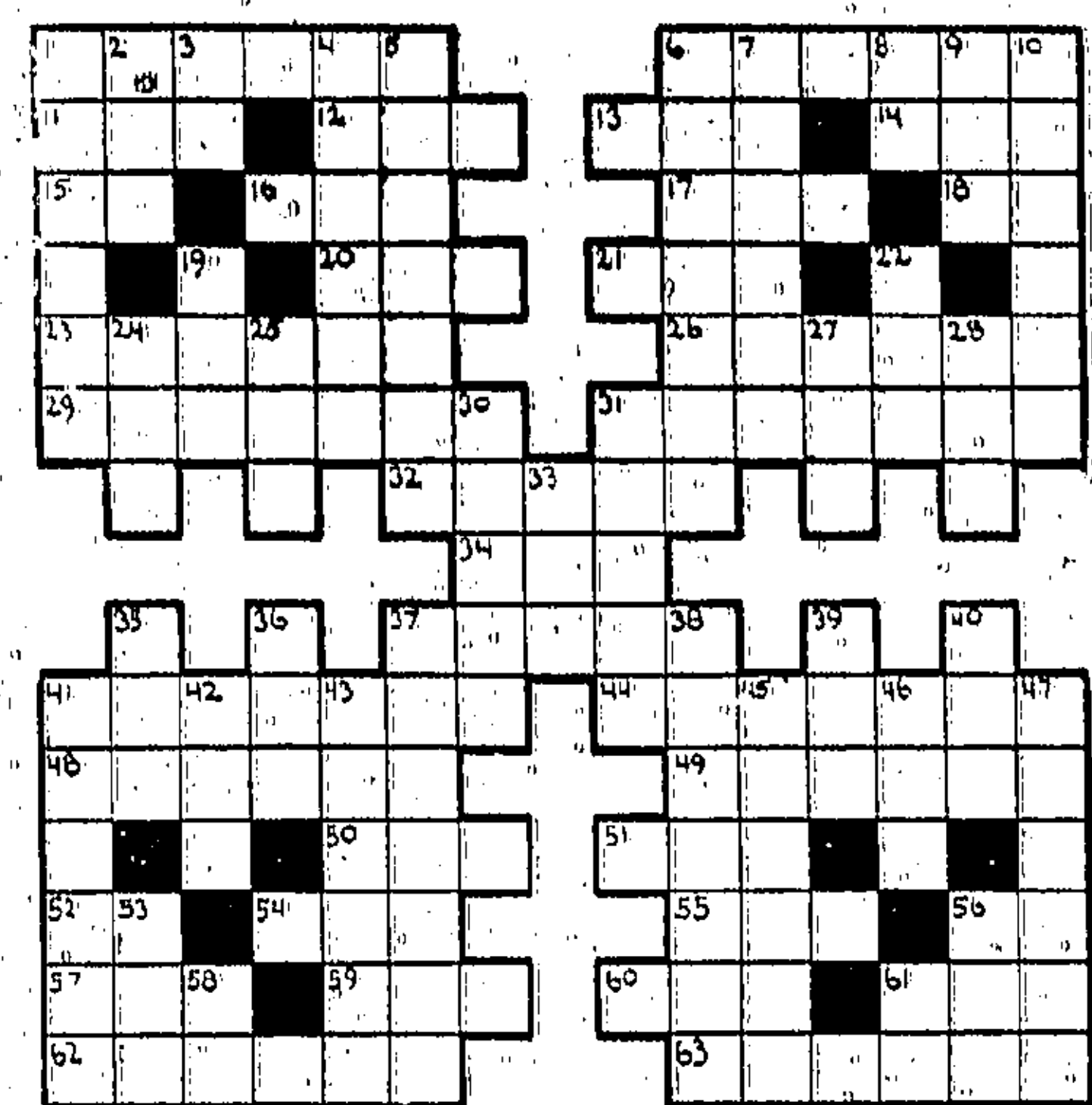
Plague: 1 case at Port Louis (Mauritius), 1 at Bombay, 2 at Rangoon.

Cholera: 4 cases at Calcutta, 18 at Amoy, 6 at Shanghai, 2 at Bangkok.

Small-pox: 1 case at Aden, 1 at Alexandria, 3 at Bombay, 4 at Calcutta, 11 at Madras, 1 at Belawan, 8 at Bangkok.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-To gather | 48-To idle | 9-Suggestion |
| 11-A drink | 49-One who occupies a | 10-Girl's name |
| 12-To provoke to anger | 50-To butt; batter | 19-A number |
| 13-A line-period | 51-Piece of | 22-Prof. For |
| 14-A shouting | 52-Point of compass | 24-Everything |
| 15-In a higher place | (abbr.) | 25-To name; entitle |
| 16-Cigarette (slang) | 54-A flying mammal | 27-Friend (French) |
| 17-Girl's name | 55-Rather than | 28-A floor-covering |
| 18-Suffix used to form | 56-A musical note | 30-An ear, as of grain |
| 19-A | 57-First woman | 31-A weapon like a |
| 20-A line-period | 59-Interjection | halberd |
| 21-Combining form | 60-Present participle | 33-Prefix. Thrice |
| One | ending | 35-Short for |
| 23-A German/English | 61-Figures, as in chess | "Florence" |
| composer | 62-One before the | 36-Dread |
| 24-A knot in wood | other, as horses | 37-A layer, as of rock |
| (abbr.) | 63-Despot | 38-Plain; obvious |
| 25-Place of festivals, | | 39-Part of the body |
| near Athens, | | 40-Established (abbr.) |
| ancient Greece | | 41-A solar body |
| 26-Charm | VERTICAL | 42-Atmosphere |
| 27-Entertainment | 1-Awkward, clumsy | 43-To supply with aim |
| 28-Partially | 2-A high mountain | 45-Force in operation |
| 29-To shave the | 3-Prefix. Back | 46-A sense organ |
| surface of as | 4-Escapees | 47-A dweller in any |
| leather | 5-Decorative emblem | of royalty |
| 30-To appear | 6-Candidly and | 63-Glass |
| 31-The highest | openly | 64-March |
| measured mountain | 7-A thin scale or layer | 65-Half an em. |
| | 8-A New England | 61-A college degree |
| | State (abbr.) | (abbr.) |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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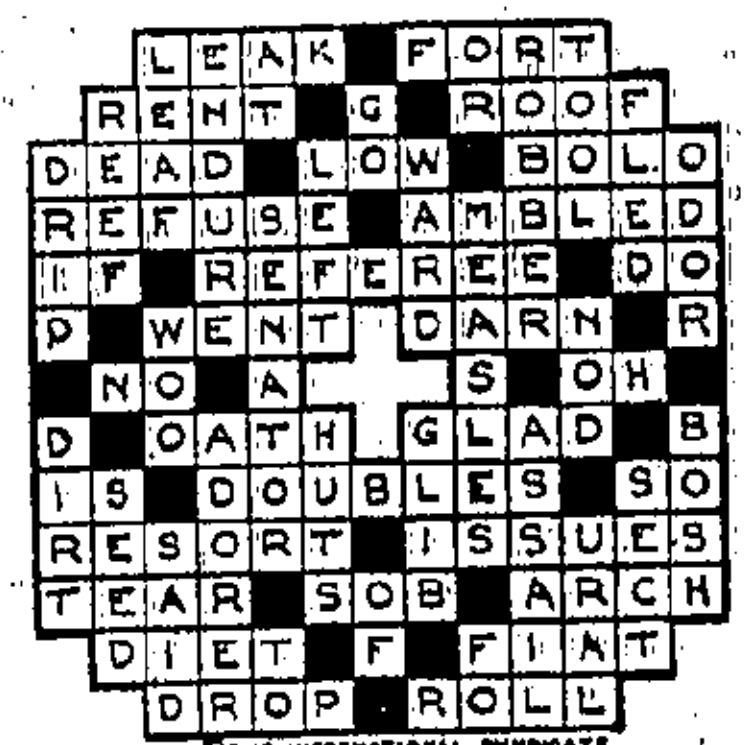
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HONOLULU MARU ... Tuesday, 19th October.

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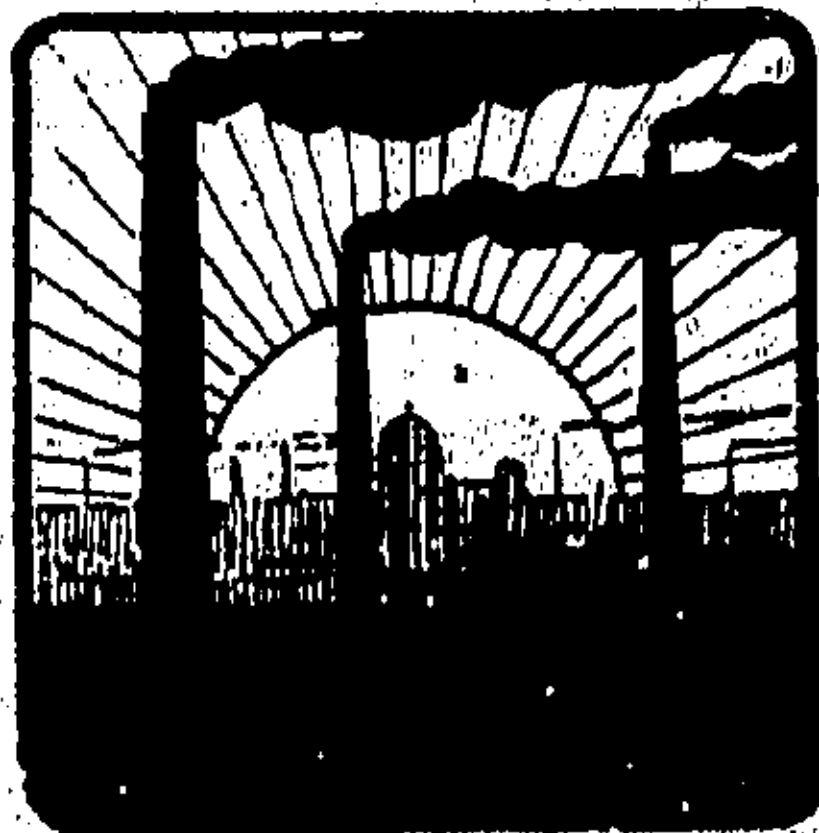
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SHARE MARKET.

LOCAL STOCKS DECLINE IN WEEK.

POST-BOYCOTT EFFECT.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's Weekly Share Report reads:—

Hong Kong, Oct. 15. Although the Boycott and Strike were officially off on Sunday last our market has not responded in fact most of the favourite industrial shares show a decline on last week with Sellers prevailing.

Shanghai Market is firm with a good demand for Cottons and Rubbers.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:— Banks:—Declined to a selling rate of \$1.10 at which price sales took place, to-day \$1.150 would probably have to be paid to obtain shares.

Unions:—Came to business at \$295.6 and it is doubtful if there are buyers at over the former price.

Canton Insurances and Hong Kong Fires:—Are unchanged with buyers but no sellers.

Trans:—Have sellers at \$28 and less would be accepted.

China Sugars:—Are firmer with buyers but no sellers at \$24.

China Providents:—Are still wanted, buyers offering \$6.10.

China Lights:—After a few transactions at \$21 for the combined shares are now quoted nominal at \$21.75.

Steamboats:—Changed hands at \$29, at which price there are still buyers but no further sellers.

Hong Kong Land:—Some business was put through at \$64.75/65, and there are still buyers at the latter price.

Humphreys:—Rose to a buying rate of \$18.75, without attracting sellers and they close nominal at this price.

Cements:—After sales at \$14.75 for the combined shares have experienced a decline, \$13.75 having been accepted with buyers now only offering \$13.

Wharves:—Firmed up during the week and came to business at \$127.75; they are still wanted at \$127.

Hong Kong, Docks:—Are steady with buyers and sales at \$58.

Star Ferries:—A few sales took place at \$68, but at the close they were easier with sellers at \$67.75.

Dairy Farms:—After a few sales at \$19.75/19.75 have no further buyers at the moment.

Electric:—Were more or less neglected and after a few sales at \$67.75 close nominal at this price.

London Quotations:—Have undergone no change.

Exchange:—Demand rate on London is 1/11 9/16 and T/T on Shanghai is 78.75.

Next Settlement Day is Tuesday, October 26.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The "E. I. s.s. 'Talma' left Amoy for this port yesterday at p.m. and is due here to-day at about 5 p.m.

The "B. L. s.s. 'Benrinnes' from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines is due to arrive here on October 19.

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PEKING OR CANTON?

(Continued from Page 1.)

ed in a body because they had given up all hope of ever getting any money with which to pay salaries. The teachers in these schools, who have salaries due them since April, 1925, met to-day and will appeal to the presidents to reconsider their resignations. They will also send delegations to the new acting Premier, to the Minister of Finance, and to the Minister of Education, but the school problem seems insoluble without millions of dollars on hand—and there are no millions even remotely in sight.

Peking is filled with out-of-town students, and they are now in a disastrous condition. The authorities have given them permission to live in the dormitories free for one month, on the slim hope that the schools may be able to open within 30 days. Most of them, however, have no lights and no water—both services having been cut off because the government could not pay the bills.

The coal situation is admittedly very serious, and if something is not done at once Peking will have not only no heating, but also no power of any kind, no trams and no lights. The Peking Electric Co. has appealed to the Government, and also to General Chang Hsueh-liang, (Chang Tso-lin's son) for coal cars, and says it will have to close down if fuel is not forthcoming.

Military Parasites.

There is excellent coal within 20 miles of Peking at the Menketou mines, but the military have taken all the cars and locomotives, and no reserves have been laid in. Camel transport, or transports by Peking carts is slow and costly.

Coal at the Menketou mine costs \$3 a ton. In Peking, 20 miles away it costs \$18 a ton. A year ago, with the same mine price, Peking paid only \$7 a ton.

The militarists tax all goods hauled by rail \$4 per ton, and also get a "victory tax" of \$25 per car, and an additional tax of \$500 for every freight train of 15 cars. This explains some of the increase in price.

Even many rich people have no coal on hand with which to heat their homes, and already the mercury is down nearly to 32 every night.

The authorities are making a determined drive against the "Reds" both here and in Tientsin. Many Cantonese have landed at the latter port, and though scores have been arrested many have managed to reach Peking. Yesterday, more than 30 of these were put into prison, and it is said that some of them found with incriminating literature will be decapitated. Many arrests have been made also from the personnel of the Peking University.

Sneaking to Canton.

An official order has been put out forbidding students here from leaving for universities at Canton.

Especially since the Cantonese captured Hankow, Canton propagandists have been busy among the students, and many have sneaked away for Canton. They go disguised as coolies, or as soldiers.

Heads of all schools have been instructed to search dormitories and libraries for Red literature, and the police are destroying all such reading matter that is found.

Chang Tso-lin, from Mukden, has issued an order forbidding the Fengtien troops now controlling Peking from interfering in any way with the civil administration, and from oppressing the merchants or collecting arbitrary taxes.

The military has also shown its goodwill by issuing an order to the effect that hereafter all soldiers must pay fares on the trams. Last week the street railway represented to the government that because the soldiers rode free it was about to go into bankruptcy.

To-day "Young" Chang announced that he was moving his troops out as fast as possible. There are now about 24,000 troops in and immediately around Peking. He promises that within a week only one regiment will be in Peking, and one at the Temple of Heaven. The rest will be south-bound to aid Wu Peifu.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

List of passengers arrived by the P. and O. S. N. Co.'s S.S. "Morea" from Yokohama via Ports, on October 15:—

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EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17	Apr. 17	Apr. 17
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8	May 8	May 8
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29	May 29	May 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19	June 19	June 19
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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.**OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.****NEWS AND NOT PUZZLES.**

Home papers to hand are full of news from Hong Kong and China. At last, this Colony is getting the prominence it should, not through any fault of our own. But do the folks at Home comprehend the purport that is intended?

Here is one of the mysteries put to millions of readers of a London daily when the Wahnsien rescue occupied pride of place:—"General Lieut. So-lung went over to the enemy."

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But about this "General Lieut." So little is known in the Old Country that names of places, generals, factions, organisations, &c., are sadly mutilated or misrepresented. The man referred to was Liu Tso-lung, who betrayed Wu Peifu and gave the Hanyang Arsenal to Canton.

The "China Mail" takes great pains in supplying footnotes and explanations to all messages which baffle the non-Chinese. A week's collection of these—in the "Overland"—make a handy reference for use here or abroad. Get a copy immediately!

This week has seen the momentous settlement of the boycott. Whatever views you hold individually, yours will be included as a complete record has been kept, making an excellent and readable narrative. All communiques, despatches and reports are reproduced. The first phase of what is hoped will be the new era of Hong Kong, is described in such a way as to be informative, convincing and impartial—thus meeting the requirements of all.

Every other bit of "local" news from last Thursday to this Wednesday inclusive will be found in this issue.

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ALPINE	5,273	8th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MANTUA	10,002	13th Nov.	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	13th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KARMA	9,128	25th Nov.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,852	27th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MACEDONIA	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,007	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MIRZAPORE	8,716	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	10th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NOREA	10,018	5th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,006	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANTUA	10,002	6th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,006	13th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMA	9,128	16th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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ARAFURA	6,000	29th Oct.	
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ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Melbourne.
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TAKADA	6,949	17th Oct.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
TAKIWA	7,936	22nd Oct.	Kobe.
MIRZAPORE	8,716	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMA	9,128	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	30th Oct.	Shanghai and Kobe
NELLORE	8,852	2nd Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DELTA	8,007	14th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,089	25th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
NYANZA	7,023	11th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KASHMIR	9,006	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KALYAN	9,144	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
NOREA	10,018	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	8th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
KASHGAR	9,006	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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KARMA	9,128	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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LAW OF CAUSATION.

LECTURE AT THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

"KARMA" & WHAT IT IS.

At this week's public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, on Thursday, Mr. H. E. Lanepart spoke on "The Law of Causation." He said in brief—
The Universe is the emanation of the One, and what we call Law is but the expression of the Divine Nature.

As there is one Life emanating all, so there is one Law sustaining all, and this Law is as invariable in the mental and moral worlds as it is in the physical world.

The mighty power of the invariableness of the all-pervading Law, when it is understood, will obediently carry us whither we will: all the forces in Nature can be used in proportion as they are understood, and as man, by knowledge, works with them and not against them.

Life is made up of an unbroken series of causes and effects, and there is no such thing as "chance," "accident" or "luck."

Every event is linked to a preceding cause, to a following effect; all thoughts, deeds, circumstances are causally related to the past and will causally influence the future.

Master of Own Destiny.

Man can become the Master of his destiny, because that destiny lies in a realm of invariable law, and the knowledge of this Law of Causation, or "Karma," places in the hands of man the power of controlling his future, even his future lives, his future character and circumstances.

"This Law was well known to the Christian Initiate, St. Paul, when he said: 'Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.'"

Man is continually sending out forces, physical, moral, mental, spiritual, which—themselves—in quantity and quality the effects of his past activities—bring about definite effects both on himself and on others, for which he is responsible to the One Life.

Four classes of energies are sent forth by man, spiritual forces, thoughts, desires and actions, and the totality of all their effects represents our "Karma."

Motive of Action.

In studying their effects we shall have to distinguish between their effect on the man who generates them and their effect of others.

We shall then study the effects of the motive of an action.

Further we shall have to distinguish between the so-called "ripe" Karma, which represents the inevitable events in the present life, and the "accumulated" Karma and the Karma of character which are capable of being modified in the present life by the same power (the Ego), that created them in the past, and further the Karma that is now making, and will give rise to future events and future character.

Further we shall find that while a man makes his own individual Karma he also connects himself thereby with others, thus becoming a member of various groups—family, national, racial—and as a member he shares in the collective Karma of each of these groups.

Study of Karma.

The study of Karma is thus of much complexity, but whether details are understood or not, let it never be forgotten, that each man makes his own Karma, creating alike his own

capacities and limitations, and that working at any time with these self-created capacities, and within those self-created limitations, he is still himself, the living soul, and can strengthen or weaken his capacities, enlarge or contract his limitations.

Thus we are all masters of our to-morrow, however much we are hampered to-day by the results of our yesterday.

In the creation of human Karma thought is the most potent factor. Each thought modifies the mental body, and the mental faculties in each successive life are made by the thoughts of the previous lives.

A man can have no thought-power, no mental ability which he has not himself created by patiently repeated thinking.

Knowing this law, man can gradually make for himself the mental character he desires to possess.

From This Life to Next.

Death does not stop his work, for then he will be able to work up his mental images into the definite organs we call a faculty, and bring it back with him to his next birth on the physical plane.

Thus the mental images created in one life appear as mental characteristics and tendencies in another.

Every mental image generated sets up powerful vibrations which affect others and influence a man's future environment.

In such fashion are made the ties which draw people together for good or evil in later lives.

The desire-energies a man generates mould and form his body of desire, shape his fate in the after death world, and determine the nature and quality of his desire-body in his next rebirth.

Because they are outgoing energies that magnetically attach themselves to objects, always attract the man towards an environment in which they may be gratified. It is therefore an occult truth that a man is reborn according to his desires.

Desires are therefore one of the causes that determine the place of re-birth.

Effect on Future Life.

Our desire-images powerfully affect others and link us with other souls with ties of love and hate.

Many a "bolt from the blue" that is felt as utterly undeserved is the just effect of a cause set going in the past, and the soul thereby learns and registers a lesson while the lower consciousness is writhing under a sense of injustice.

Nothing can strike a man that he has not deserved, but his absence of memory in the lower bodies does not cause a failure in the working of the law.

Thus our desires produce our desire-nature, and affect, through it, even our physical bodies in our next birth, and play a great part in determining its place and our associates, in future lives.

Actions on the physical plane generate much Karma, by their effect on others, but only slightly affect directly the Inner Man. They are effects of his past thoughts and desires, and the Karma they represent is for the most part exhausted in their happening.

Man Has No Choice.

They affect him mostly indirectly, by moving him to fresh thoughts, desires or emotions, but the generating force lies in these, and not so much in the action itself. But the effects of our actions on others, the happiness or misery caused by these, link us to others and are a third factor in determining our human associates in future lives.

The motive of our actions will severally affect our character in our next incarnation for improvement or degradation, but the effect of the action does not depend on the motive each brings its own Karma on its own plane.

Part only of the total Karma of a man can be worked out in a given life, and this part is inevitable, leaving no choice to the man, as he has chosen them "himself" in his past life. That is the inevitable "ripe Karma," which fixes the length of that particular life, and gives to the body its characteristics, its power and its limitations.

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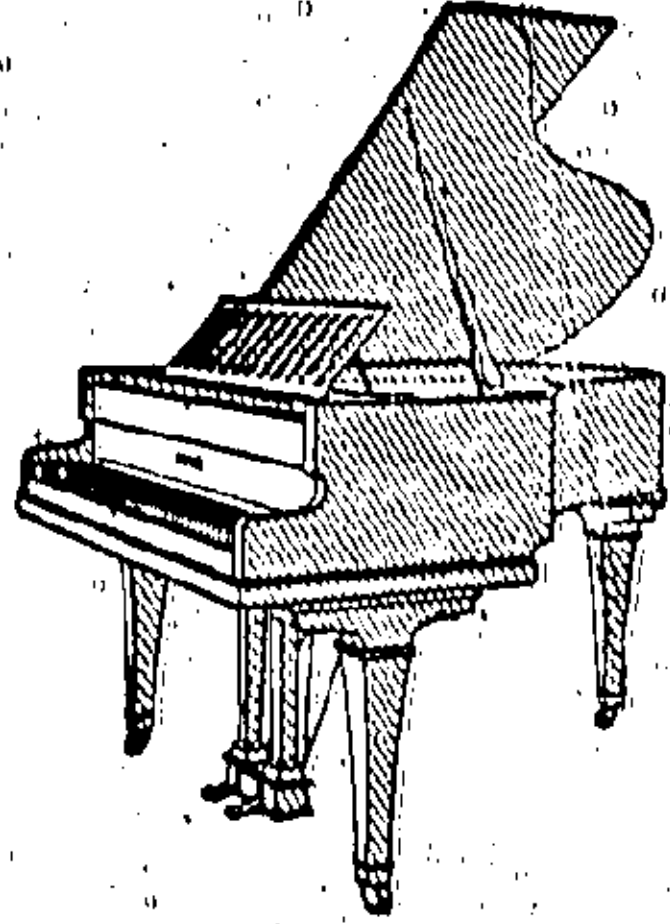
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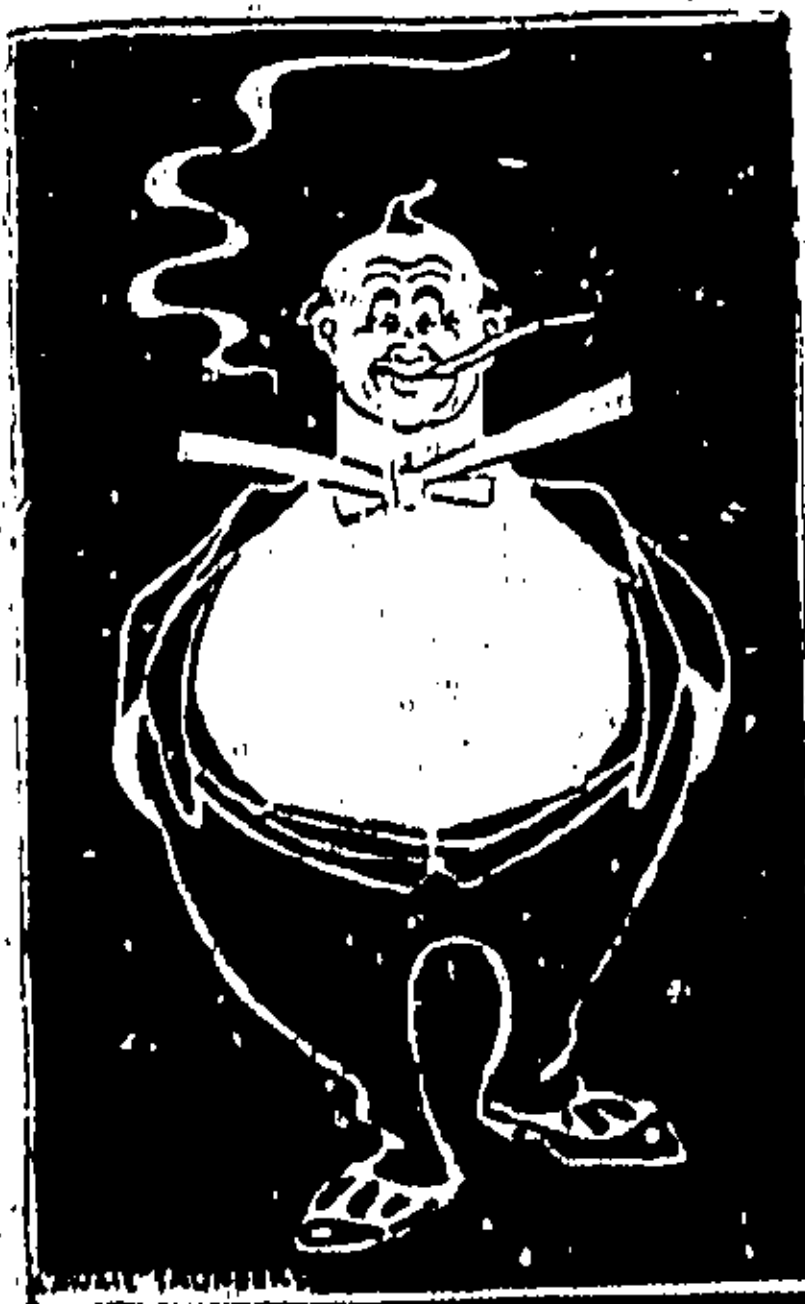
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MARRIAGE.

ROSS-LEITH.—On October 6,
1926, at the Presbyterian
Church, Penang, J. Murray
Ross, of Simpson Estate, Tai-
ping, to Betty, youngest daughter
of Mr. and the late Mrs.
James Leith, Queen's Road,
Aberdeen.

DEATH.

CLUNIES-ROSS.—On October 4,
1926, at 75, Scotts Road,
Georgina Clunies-Ross, aged
52.

Hong Kong, Saturday, October 16, 1926.

SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

Whilst anti-British feeling in
Kwangtung has not, as H.E. the
Governor remarked yesterday,
completely disappeared, there
are indications that the mer-
chants there are becoming more
confident that the calling off of
the strike, pickets indicates the
complete removal of all hindrances
to free and unfettered intercourse
in all goods between the two ports.
If the "indications" consisted
merely of reported opinions with-
out anything practical to bear
them out, there would be logic in
the arguments of the pessimists
who still refuse to believe that the
boycott of British goods is a
thing of the past. But already
ships are beginning to berth at
the Canton wharves and have
been able to get labour for load-
ing without interference.

A certain amount of cargo has
moved since the declaration and
the day may not be far distant
when the godowns in Hong Kong
will cease to harbour goods which,
having been sold but not taken up,
have been a heavy charge on the
local import and export firms.
The tone of optimism in the
speeches which introduced the
Budget for the coming year is
merely the reflection of opinion in
responsible circles in both ports.
Merchants are confident that
complete restoration of normal
trade channels is only a question
of time. The people of Kwang-
tung need the materials which
ships from this port can supply
them and markets which are open
from here. Eventually, boycott
or no boycott, the need would have

asserted itself in time. The de-
claration calling off picket inter-
ference has merely expedited
matters and now it is for mer-
chants and shipping firms to en-
deavour to the best of their
ability to make good the oppor-
tunities which have been with-
held them during a period which
has been as trying to the major-
ity in Canton as it has to those
whose interests have suffered in
Hong Kong.

Essentially an "economy" bud-
get (for it was drafted at a time
when conditions with regard to
the boycott were far from favour-
able), it is surprising that the
only branch of work which should
have been chosen for the "axe"
was that of "Public Works Re-
current." Faced with a heavy de-
ficit on the 1926 year's working
which will depreciate consider-
ably the Colony's reserves, it was
only natural to expect that the
policy of retrenchment would be
uniform throughout the various
departments. So far from allow-
ing for savings elsewhere, how-
ever, the amount saved on aban-
doning temporarily such vitally
important works as the laying of
pipes across the harbour to en-
sure an adequate water supply
and the construction of a
jail to supersede one which is a
standing disgrace by reason of its
inadequate accommodation, was
even eaten into by expenditure in
other directions. That the re-
trenchment which affected very
considerably the Education De-
partment last year was only re-
garded as necessary during the
continuation of abnormal condi-
tions is generally recognised. But
whether the pendulum has swung
sufficiently far back as to justify
the increased expenditure on local
education which the Budget con-
templates is a matter for con-
siderable doubt in view of the
"sober" optimism which in other
directions finds expression in a
policy of caution.

RUBBER SHARES.

"LATEST DIVIDENDS FROM SINGAPORE."

(By courtesy of Messrs. Carroll Bros.)

Singapore, Oct. 15.

The following dividends have
been declared on Straits rubber
shares:—

Ayer Panas—2nd interim of 10

per cent., making 20 per cent. to

date.

Bukit Jelutongs—final of 9 per

cent., making 14 per cent. for the

year.

Bukit Kepongs—2nd interim of

10 per cent., making 20 per cent.

to date.

Colinsburgh—15 per cent. final,

making 25 per cent. for the year.

Mandal Tekongs—10 per cent.

for the year.

Mentakabs—2nd interim of 10

per cent., making 20 per cent. to

date.

Kuala Sidims—2nd interim of

15 per cent., making 30 per cent.

to date.

It is notified that the following

churches have been added to the

list of places licensed for the

solemnisation of marriages:—

Hop Yat Tong, situated in Bonham

Road; and Tang Lung Chau Tong

situate at 21A Yee Wo Street.

ON TWO FLANKS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

At any rate, news brought up
river says that Hukow was cer-
tainly not captured by the south
on October 6, and that Kiukiang
was very quiet the same day.

A few northern gunboats were
lying off the former point and
there were five of these vessels at
Kiukiang.

Two Drives Forward.
There was no sign of troops
being brought down river. In-
stead, reinforcements from Pukow
were observed on their way up
river to Kiukiang.

Instead of there having been
telling southern victories, reports
which have now come to hand
would indicate that the Cantonese
forces are getting into a difficult
situation for there are two drives
now materialising westward to-
ward the Canton-Hankow railway.

The first, from the direction of
Hsinjwo, is making for Sien-
ning, while the second is going
straight from Tayeh.

Before Wuchang Fell.
These two drives will have the
effect of bottling up a considerable
force of southerners in the area
between the columns.

No definite information has
been received as to the progress
made by the southerners in the
first named sector; but word has
been received locally by private
individuals that the southerners
have now captured the town of
Kinnui.

This place was strongly en-
trenched by the southern forces
and its fall opens a way to the
Canton-Hankow Railway at Hsin-
chiao. This move is said to have
caused the withdrawal of a large
part of the southern forces from
the Wuchanghsien district in
order to strengthen the defences
of Wuchang—"C. C. Post."

Wu Pei-fu's Front.
Peking, Oct. 11.

A foreign message states that
the southern troops are hasten-
ing to make defence works be-
tween Kwangshui and Wushen-
kwan (north of Hankow, facing
Wu Pei-fu's front).—"Kuo Wen."

Linlung, Shensi, Oct. 9.
Despite the city of Sianfu be-
ing still occupied by the Kuomintang
troops under the command
of Generals Yang Hu-cheng and
Li Hu-chen, the Allied command-
ers, of whom General Liu Chung-
hua being the leader, have been
still making every possible effort
to effect fresh attack up the city
walls.

Only recently, General Liu has
enlarged his armies to as much as
seven divisions and 12 mixed
brigades, with the exceptions of 4
other divisions under Generals
Wu Hsin-tien, Han Yu-kung and
Ma Chung-wu making 9 total of
11 divisions and 12 mixed
brigades.

WUCHANG TREACHERY.

Northern General Seeks Safety
of U. S. Flag.

Hankow, Oct. 10.
Through treachery the south-
ern forces at length have captur-
ed Wuchang after breakdown of
plans for evacuation which
brought about a brief artillery
battle, final engagement of the
siege.

At 4 a.m. to-day, northern
troops inside Wuchang's walls
who secretly had been negotiating
with the southerners suddenly
opened three gates of the city ad-
mitting about 3,000 southern sol-
diers who after a brisk exchange
of rifle fire advanced carrying
everything before them.

In taking over the city they
placed in custody General Yu-
chun, the northern commander,
and his staff, although on the ap-
pearance of the foe General Lu
sought safety under the American
flag fleeing into the home of Dr.
A. M. Sherman, Principal of Cen-
tral China University.

Artillery Farewell.
Evacuation of the city by the
northern forces was to have taken
place on October 9 as the besieged
northerners had accepted terms
laid down by their foes and were
to have been incorporated into
the army of General Liu Tso-jung
at Chingshan, seven miles down
the river from the city.

Although the terms that the
southerners laid down defined
what disposition was to be made
of small arms no mention was
made of artillery. Therefore
when the northerners began to
leave the city they undertook to
take with them their artillery and
began loading it on lighters to be
transported down the river.

Seeing this the artillery at Han-
yang arsenal went into action and
cannon from Wuchang answered
frustrating the plans laid down
for the evacuation. It was while
negotiations were busy making
new arrangements for the south-
erners to take possession of the
city that the actual occupation
took place at 4 a.m. when the sol-
diers inside threw open the gates.
—"China Press."

POLICE PROTECTION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

A belated report has arrived
with regard to one of the last seiz-
ures of shipping, by the strike
pickets, prior to Oct. 10. The
"victim" is the very small Chin-
ese river steamer "Cen," running
between Canton and Wuchow.
Owners who have bottoms in the
hands of Strike Committee are
reported to be negotiating for the
return of their vessels.

MACAO'S GOOD NEWS.

The "China Mail" learns from
Macao that the Chinese-owned
steamer "Shing Cheong" (Capt.
Francisco Marques), flying the
Portuguese flag, completed her
round trip to Canton and back
without any incident.

The "Shing Cheong" took 200
Chinese passengers from Macao to
Canton and was the first river
steamer to berth at her wharf
since the boycott.

On the same day (Wednesday)
as the "Shing Cheong's" depar-
ture for Canton, a Chinese pas-
senger tow-boat left Shekai also
for Canton. The tow carried on
her initial trip over 200 passen-
gers and a cargo of 1,400 piculs of
saltfish.

The passenger-boat service be-
tween Macao and Kowloon was
resumed on Thursday. The Chin-
ese merchants and traders are in
high spirits over the resumption
of the services with Canton.

Swtow Position.

Peking, Oct. 15.

Foreign messages from Swatow
state that 200 Cantonese pickets
left there on a Japanese steamer,
the only pickets remaining being
Swatow men. The labour unions
there are still refusing to load
and unload British steamers but
domestics and office employees are
returning to work.—Reuter.

Mr. Yoshizawa, the Japanese
Minister to China, arrived here
to-day.—Reuter.

[A conference of foreign Diplo-
mats in Peking to decide in
connection with the new Canton
surtaxes was postponed to allow
of Mr. Yoshizawa's return.]

CHINA'S TREATIES.

CANTON REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT.

EQUALITY AGITATION.

Certain Chinese treaties with
Great Britain, Japan, the U.S.A.,
Italy, Spain and Portugal expire
this year (says a correspondent in
the "Canton Gazette") also
treaties with Annam (the foreign
relations of which are directed by
France) and with Belgium.

The agitation for their replace-
ment by agreements in which the
sovereign rights of China shall be
recognised is therefore most tim-
ely. It is significant that with the
exception of groups bound by
financial or political dependence
on the foreign imperialists all
classes of Chinese are united in
urging the termination of such
unequal treaties, continues the
writer.

Powers' Good Faith.

Other extracts from this article
are:—

The nations involved are all,
with the exception of Annam,
signatories of the Washington
Conference. France, which con-
trols Annam, was also a signatory
so that the good faith and the
given word of all these countries
are at stake in their attitude
on this matter. Each of these
nations at that gathering solemnly
bound itself to recognise the
sovereignty, independence, and
territorial integrity of the Chinese
Republic.

The Acid Test.
The demand for the revision of
these treaties on a basis of
equality to include the giving up
of the special privileges enjoyed
by the nationals of these countries
will test the sincerity of the
nations concerned. If these re-
fuse to enact new treaties on such
a basis they will prove that all
their protestations of friendship
for the Chinese are only talk, or
"bunk" as the Americans would
term it. This is certainly a
case where "actions speak louder
than words."

Mr. Henry Russell Forsyth,
C.A., has been appointed an
auditor for the purposes of the
Companies Ordinance.

Mr. V. W. W. Purcell who re-
cently arrived in Penang from
Christmas Island and was to have
taken up duties as Assistant Official
Assignee, Penang, will, it is un-
derstood, perform the duties of Deputy
Registrar. Mr. G. B. Kellagher, Re-
gistrar, will continue to act as
Assistant Official Assignee as he
has already dealt with the F. G.
Taylor and Co. bankruptcy case
which is a complicated one.—S.E.

NOT "MISSING."

"BORNEO" ARRIVES AFTER
SHELTER.

ANXIETY OVER.

Anxiety was allayed shortly be-
fore midnight as to the safety of
the s.s. "Borneo" which, with a
cargo of coal consigned to the
Taikoo Sugar Refinery, was re-
ported yesterday as overdue.

The vessel arrived off Taikoo at
11.45 p.m. yesterday.

It appears, from the report of
the master, that the ship, which
sailed from Hongay at daylight on
October 10, experienced a strong
N.E. gale in Tongking Gulf and
hove to for eleven hours. Shel-
ter was also taken in Kami Bay
and Ponchin Bay for over four
hours.

In the China Sea, nearing St.
John's Island, a strong monsoon
with heavy seas was experienced,
this also contributing to the de-
lay.

Having no wireless, the ship
was unable to communicate its
position.

"RIGOLETTO."

SCAMUZZI'S TRIUMPH AS
THE JESTER.

A very satisfying interpretation
of Verdi's well known opera
"Rigoletto" was given by the
Italian Opera Company last night
with chief honours of the even-
ing falling to Signor Scamuzzi
whose Rigoletto was a powerful
piece of acting. His splendid
baritone voice was heard to great
advantage in the various arias
and duets in which the jester
participates, the "Cortigiani, vil
razza dannata" in which the
jester first denounces the court-
iers as scoundrels and finally

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow the local
weather forecast is:—moderate
East winds, fair. (For For-
mosa Channel): moderate N.E.
winds.

breaks down in tears and begs in
pity that they let him rescue his
daughter being rendered with
moving effect.

In the scene with Gilda, which
immediately follows, he was
equally impressive, the applica-
tions of Gilda and Rigoletto's
cries of vengeance forming a
passionate climax to the act.

As Gilda, Mlle. Maria Henkina
achieved another success; the
part of the Duke was ably
portrayed by Signor A. Bellotti;
Signor A. Maureri as Sparafu-
cile, and Signor A. Belletti
as Count Montreone giving
strong support in other leading
roles.

To-night, "Carmen" is pre-
sented.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

This morning, the following
sea-going arrivals at Hongkong
were reported:—

Takada (4223) Br., from Calcutta
and Singapore; M.M. & Co.
Suikiang (1616) Br., from Can-
ton; B. & S.

Forthos (7338) French, from
Marseilles and Saigon; M.M.
Albert Vogler (3414) German,
from Yokohama and Shanghai; Reu-
ter, Brockelman & Co.

Tone Maru (2518) Japanese,
Miki; M.B.K.
Mishima Maru (4915) Japanese,
from Australia and Manila; N.Y.K.
Wakasa Maru (3776) Jap., from
Puenos Aires and Singapore;

from Miki; M.B.K.
Lok Sun (1045) Br., from San-
dakan; Borneo Shipping Co.

Clearances.
For Singapore: Mores, Kana-
jawa Maru.

For Manila: Chanzie.
Departures.

For Kobe: Hamburg Maru.
For Whampoa: Albert Vogler.

For Singapore: Celebes Maru.
For Shanghai: West Castle Por-
thos, Mantua, Carmarthenshire,
City of Tokio, Tei.

For Manila: President Lincoln.
For Swatow: Haining.

For Ningpo: Linan.
For Amoy: Kum Sang, Hong
Peng.

For Haiphong: New Mathilde.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following
numbers of vessels were in
port:—

British	28
Panama	1
German	2
No flag	1
Japanese	8
Chinese	11
Dutch	4
Portuguese	3
Italian	1
Total	58

HOPES FOR FUTURE.

GOVERNOR ON POLITICAL SITUATION.

Budget Day References.

WHY INDUSTRIAL LOAN WAS OFFERED.

The present political situation was reviewed by H.E. the Governor in a speech which preceded the introduction of the Budget at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

The sincerity of Hong Kong's wish to let bygones be bygones, to forget the unprofitable past and reach forward to a happier future was referred to, also to the "growing abomination in China of all that Bolshevism means."

H.E. the Governor also further explained the motives which led Hong Kong to offer Canton, an industrial loan.

His Excellency spoke as follows:—

Before the Colonial Secretary moves the first reading of next year's Supply Bill, it is proper to state that the circumstances under which the budget was drafted differ considerably from those in which it is introduced. The budget was drafted at a time when this Colony was for no fault of its own subject to an anti-British boycott, instigated by Bolshevik intrigues and conducted in open defiance—I will not say of treaties—but of the most elementary principles upon which civilized society is based, and as a kind of guerrilla warfare.

Reasonable Hope.

But on the auspicious "Double Tenth" five days ago, this Canton Government declared this boycott to be at an end, and all armed strike pickets were withdrawn from the frontiers of this Colony and from Canton. The information at present in my possession would justify a statement that anti-British manifestations in Kwangtung have ceased, and the position at Swatow appears to be less satisfactory than at Canton. But it is certain that a very definite step has been taken by the Canton Government to curb the lawless activities of strike pickets, and we may reasonably hope that a determined effort will now be made by the Cantonese authorities to re-establish law and order in the territory which they control, and to stamp out piracy and brigandage.

Our "Ardent Desire."

I think I may safely say that this Colony's most ardent desire is to see law and order re-established, if possible in China as a whole, but at least in the Liang Kwang provinces. There has since the downfall of the Manchu Empire been enough, and more than enough, bloodshed in these two provinces. Civil war has raged almost incessantly throughout their length and breadth. Pirates have infested the coast, the delta and the principal inland waterways. Brigands have been a constant danger to the highroads, the villages and even to large cities. Trade and travel have become hazardous. Life itself is nowhere safe. From all these horrors, the Colony of Hong Kong was a secure haven of refuge and it, therefore, prospered exceedingly. But prosperity due to such causes cannot last. True and enduring prosperity for this Colony can only be founded upon flourishing trade with the Liang Kwang provinces. Trade cannot flourish in those provinces unless law and order are maintained; and the maintenance of law and order postulates the existence of a strong and stable government. Therefore, above all else, the Colony of Hong Kong desires to see in Kwangtung and Kwangsi a strong, stable and enlightened Government. Of such Government we should gladly be close friends and staunch supporters.

Curse of Bolshevism.

Another matter which is near our hearts is to see the curse of Bolshevism removed from China. The ideas permeating Bolshevism are wholly alien to the Chinese mind; and a moment's thought should suffice to convince the Cantonese authorities that in the development of the Liang Kwang provinces by the peaceful and orderly processes of trade and commerce Great Britain and the British Colony of Hong Kong can give more effective and lasting assistance than can the Russian Soviet. We uphold ideals which are dear to the Chinese mind—peace, good government, commercial enterprise, learning and literature, loyalty to the honoured traditions of the past and an orderly advance towards all that the future promises. But the Bolshevik record is at present a blood-stained page of revolution, terrorism, anarchy and intestine war. The civilised mind recoils with horror from its contemplation; and throughout China, I am thankful to say, there is now a growing abomination of all that Bolshevism means. It is our earnest hope that the Chinese people may pluck out this evil by the roots and cast it from their country.

Young China.

Young China nowadays is prone to neglect the classic lore of Ancient China. Nevertheless the rival War Lords would do well to remember the words of Sun Tzu, a writer on war in the 5th century B.C., that "there is no instance of a country benefited from prolonged warfare." Mencius at a time when China was now divided into many warring states is still more emphatic. He said:—"There are men who say—I am skilled in warfare. I am skilled in battle. They are great criminals. Those who are skilled in battle should suffer exemplary punishment." The old philosopher Lao Tzu wrote:—"Where the soldiers march, there the thorn-brake grows. In the rear of the great army comes inevitably the year of famine." And there is a grim play on words at the present time in the verse of Ts'o Tsung, a poet of the T'ang dynasty:—"The blanching bones of a myriad men make the fame of a single general."

Therefore, when lip-service is no longer paid to Bolshevik tenets by any dominant section of the Cantonese, when anti-British manifestations cease, when civil war no longer rages, and so soon as ever stable and peaceful conditions are restored in Kwangtung, we in Hong Kong will be the first to pledge its Government our full support in all that makes for the beneficial development of the province.

The Loan Offer.

Our offer of an industrial loan in last July was not meant in any way as an attempt to buy off the anti-British boycott. The loan had, of course, to be conditional upon the cessation of the boycott, because plainly British money could not be ventured in a province which, however superficially and artificially, treated Great Britain as an "enemy." But our real object was to assist in the development of Kwangtung, because in our opinion the harbours of Hong Kong and of Canton are not rivals, but are complementary to each other, and because the construction of harbour works at Canton and of a loop line railway round Canton connecting the Kowloon-Canton with the Canton-Hankow railway cannot fail to improve trade conditions at Canton and, consequently also in Hong Kong. We are still ready and willing to co-operate in any industrial schemes mutually advantageous to the province and the Colony.

Sincerity of Purpose.

I crave the indulgence of the Council if in my last words I speak less personally than hitherto. I am surrounded at this table by Councillors whose lives have been spent in China and mostly among the Cantonese. I, too, began my official life in China and have learned to know the Cantonese better than the natives of the other provinces. I have lived in Canton both in the walled city (as it used to be) and as a householder in the Western Suburb. I have travelled much in Kwangtung and Kwangsi; and from long experience I am imbued with a very sincere affection and esteem for the Cantonese people. So are also, as I well know, my colleagues in this Council. Is it then, too much to ask that the Canton Government and the inhabitants of Kwangtung should believe that we in Hong Kong are sincerely anxious to resume with them normal and traditional relations of amity, to let bygones be bygones, to forget the unprofitable past and to reach forward to a happier future? The old order in China is changing and the times are sadly out of joint. But we, no less than our friends at Canton, are animated by an earnest desire to see throughout China good government instead of chaos, peace instead of civil war, prosperity instead of havoc, commercial security instead of piracy and brigandage. We are very close neighbours of Canton. We wish also to be very close friends.

CUSTOMS SURTAX.

A further announcement appears in this issue by the Chinese Maritime Customs on the subject of surtax for famine relief.

Hong Kong's quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Tientsin on account of cholera have been removed.

LIQUOR DUTIES.

Increases On Native Products.

BUDGET FORECAST.

Abolishing Preferential Taxes in Territories.

In addition to raising a loan on the Shing Mun scheme it is proposed further to augment revenue during 1927 by revising the duties on intoxicating liquors to provide for \$600,000 additional revenue.

The duties refer more particularly to Chinese spirits, the tax on which is increased and there will no longer be favourable treatment as regards taxes on spirits distilled in the New Territories (for consumption there), the existence of a favourable tariff on which has led to extensive smuggling.

It is noteworthy that the new duties are payable on intoxicating liquors heretofore or hereafter imported into, distilled, made or prepared in the Colony.

The Scale is:—

I.—European Type Liquor.

On all liquors, and on all champagnes and other sparkling wines, \$10 per gallon.

On all brandy, gin, rum, whisky and other spirituous liquors, \$6 per gallon.

On all port, sherry and madeira, \$4 per gallon.

On all other still wines, \$3 per gallon.

On beer, porter, cider, perry and stout, \$9.40 per gallon.

On all intoxicating liquors above the strength of 18 degrees under proof, for every degree above such strength, in addition to the appropriate duty as above, \$0.07 per gallon.

II.—Chinese Type Liquor.

On all Chinese type spirits containing not more than 25 per cent. of alcohol by weight, \$1.20 per gallon.

For every one per cent. of additional alcoholic strength by weight, \$0.06 per gallon.

III.—Japanese Type Liquor.

On all sake containing not more than 25 per cent. of alcohol by weight, \$1.20 per gallon.

For every one per cent. of additional alcoholic strength by weight, \$0.06 per gallon.

IV.—Other Liquors.

On any intoxicating liquor which is not specifically mentioned or referred to in the foregoing Parts I, II, III, \$10 per gallon.

Provided that it shall be lawful for the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, in his discretion, to assess the duty on any such intoxicating liquor at such lower rate as is provided in Parts I, II, and III, above for the liquor which the Superintendent shall deem to approximate most nearly to such intoxicating liquor.

On all spirits distilled within the boundaries of the Colony of Hong Kong there shall be allowed a deduction of ten cents per gallon from the duties heretofore enumerated.

Resolutions which are set out on pages 440, 441 and 442 of the Regulations of Hong Kong, 1844-1925 under the heading "Resolution of the Legislative Council" shall cease to have effect on the coming into operation of the foregoing resolution.

Discussion Facilities.

Elaborating the manner of application of the duties, the Colonial Secretary said:—"I should first like to explain to the Council that though for obvious reasons no notice could be given of this motion, if notice had been given it is clear that opportunities would have been given for evading the duty, the Government has no desire to stifle criticism, and although I trust the motion will be passed this afternoon so that it can come into force forthwith, the Government will be prepared to give all reasonable facilities for a full discussion of the proposals at an early date if any member, after considering the effects of the changes at his leisure, feels it incumbent on him to give notice of a motion for their modification."

In my remarks on the introduction of the Supply Bill, I made reference to the need for additional revenue and I mentioned that the Government hoped to raise this revenue in part from certain minor changes estimated to bring in about \$188,000.

It was obvious however, that this sum was insufficient for our needs, and I referred to certain measures which I should lay before you later. After careful consideration the Government has decided to recommend to this Council the raising of some of the Liquor Duties whereby we hope to increase our Revenue by about \$600,000 next year, and possibly a little more when conditions have returned fully to the normal.

Expensive Liquors.

An opportunity has been taken to recast the form of the resolution imposing the liquor duties, but I would point out at once that

no change has been made in the duties on the more heavily taxed liquors.

I would hasten to add, that this is from no special regard for the pockets of those who drink these more expensive forms of liquor, but because the Government is advised that this type of liquor already bears as high a duty as can in present circumstances be properly charged upon it and that this duty works out far more heavily in proportion than the duty charged upon the so-called Chinese wines.

The only alteration in what are termed European type liquors is the abolition of the special concession of 50 cents a gallon on wine imported in wood.

I am informed that the bottling industry is a very small one, that the differentiation has given rise to difficulties in the collection of the duty, that the purchasing public has shown a growing distaste for locally bottled wines, and that the differentiation is no longer advisable and can be abolished with advantage to the Revenue and no detriment to legitimate trade.

Unsatisfactory System.

The present system of duties on native wines and spirits has proved unsatisfactory and it is now proposed to drop the elaborate differentiation into classes which have been found in some cases meaningless, and in some misleading, and to base the duties on the more scientific method of calculation by alcoholic strength throughout.

Native liquor bears at present a very light burden of taxation and the new duties have been calculated with a view to a considerable increase in the present very inadequate revenue derived from such liquor.

Even with the new duties the tax on Chinese spirits will be far less in proportion than on the European type liquor. I would observe that the so-called native wines are in fact all spirit produced by distillation and are therefore properly assessed on the alcoholic strength like imported spirits.

The duty which we now propose to levy is based on a normal alcoholic strength of 25 per cent. by weight, the duty on which will be \$1.20 per gallon, and 5 cents per gallon will be added for every additional 1 per cent. of alcoholic strength by weight.

Native Liquors.

The present rates on native liquor brought in about \$800,000 in 1924, the last normal year, and about \$655,000 in 1925. I wish to deal first with native liquors other than New Territories liquor dutiable at the special rate of 20 per cent. gallon. The consumption of these liquors in 1925, apart, of course, from smuggled liquor, was 608,113 gallons imported on which duty recovered was \$390,390, and 339,280 gallons, locally produced duty recovered \$242,556, a total of \$632,946.

The new duties on these liquors are estimated to bring in an additional \$484,000 being \$310,000 on imports and \$174,000 on local produce.

Secondly, as regards the special rated New Territories liquors the total produce of which we have a record was, in 1925, 165,137 gallons on which the duty was \$33,027.

From this must be deducted 26,004 gallons exported to urban districts, and a quantity which I am advised cannot well be less than 40,000 gallons smuggled into those same districts, which would reduce the consumption in the New Territories to 99,133 gallons on which the duty would be \$19,827.

In the existing tariff these New Territories liquors are rated at the very low duty of 20 cents a gallon for consumption in the New Territories whatever their alcoholic strength.

It is proposed to place spirits distilled in the New Territories whether distilled there or not on the same level as other Chinese liquors. The present system has given rise to extensive smuggling and however honest the distiller may be he cannot say what his purchaser will do with the liquor purchased.

Undoubtedly large quantities of the low taxed spirit have found their way into the urban districts by train, motor car, lorry and truck to the detriment of the Revenue, and in defiance of the law.

When the lower duty in favour of the New Territories was first imposed there was no railway and there were no motor roads, and the New Territories distilleries have moved out into the New Territories and there are comparatively few left on Hong Kong Island. The standard of living has risen considerably in the New Territories and it is felt that there will be little hardship in raising the duties to a parity with those of the rest of the Colony.

In view of the greatly improved methods of communication it has become almost impossible to prevent smuggling from the New Territories to the rest of the Colony and two rates of duty for the same article in what is really one Territory can no longer be defended.

The increased rates should produce a revenue of about \$120,000 an increase of roughly \$100,000 on the liquor consumed in the New Territories, and a total increase of

LOYAL SERVICE.

COUNCIL TRIBUTE TO LATE MEMBER.

MR. HO FOOK'S WORK.

References were made in Council yesterday to the services to the Colony of the late Mr. Ho Fook.

H.E. the Governor, at the commencement of the meeting, said:—"Before the Council takes up the order of the day it is fitting that we should commemorate the services to Hong Kong of our late colleague, Mr. Ho Fook, through whose recent death the Colony has lost one of its most prominent citizens. Mr. Ho Fook was a member of this Council from 1917 to 1921; but his services to Hong Kong date from long before that. He became a Justice of the Peace at the early age of 26, and a year later he was one of the founders of the District Watch Committee, on which he served for more than 20 years. He was an original member of the Advisory Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital, a member of the permanent Committee of the Po Leung Kuk, an original member of the Permanent Committee for Chinese Cemeteries and a life member of the Court of the Hong Kong University, to which he made generous benefactions."

For a quarter of a century, Mr. Ho Fook was co-proprietor of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company and he in connection with the late Mr. Lee Cha-pak, also a member of this Council, founded the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and the Confucian Society. We can ill afford the loss of so public-spirited, so capable and so loyal a colleague, and I move that there be entered in our minutes a record of our high appreciation of services rendered to this Colony by the late Mr. Ho Fook, of our sense of the loss which Hong Kong has sustained by his death, and of our sympathy with his family in their bereavement."

The Honourable Mr. A. O. Lang, on behalf of Unofficial members and the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, on behalf of the Chinese community, associated themselves with His Excellency's tribute and the Council stood in silence to the memory of the late member.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 14 of 1926.—An Ordinance to enable the Governor to appoint such person as he may please to be Registrar of Marriages; Ordinance No. 15 of 1925.—An Ordinance to amend the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920.

A new provision has been inserted to cover unenumerated liquors, i.e. the various special liquors which it is impossible to enumerate individually, and while this has been properly placed at the highest rate you will notice that to avoid hardship, power has been given to the Superintendent of Imports and Exports to classify such liquors according to the classes to which they properly belong.

Under the existing classification every unenumerated liquor is entitled to entry at 40 cents a gallon and it may well be that liquor which ought properly to pay a high rate comes in too cheaply by the fortuitous circumstance that it has not been expressly enumerated.

Local Spirit Duty.

Finally I come to the last new provision, viz., a reduction of 10 cents a gallon in favour of locally distilled spirits. Spirits of the Chinese type manufactured in the Colony are subject to Excise supervision and restriction which, while they result in a superior article, undoubtedly tend to increase the cost of production.

Distilleries situated outside our borders are not subject to these restrictions and it is thought equitable that the local product should not be penalised in this way without some compensating advantage. I think this small concession to the local producer will meet with the approval of Hon. Members.

I am afraid I have delayed Council far too long, but I wish to make the intentions of the Government as clear as possible. I now formally move the resolution which I have already read and would merely remind Hon. Members that while the Government regards it as important that the resolution should be passed to-day, ample opportunity will be given if desired for subsequent discussion.

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer seconded and the resolution was adopted without discussion.



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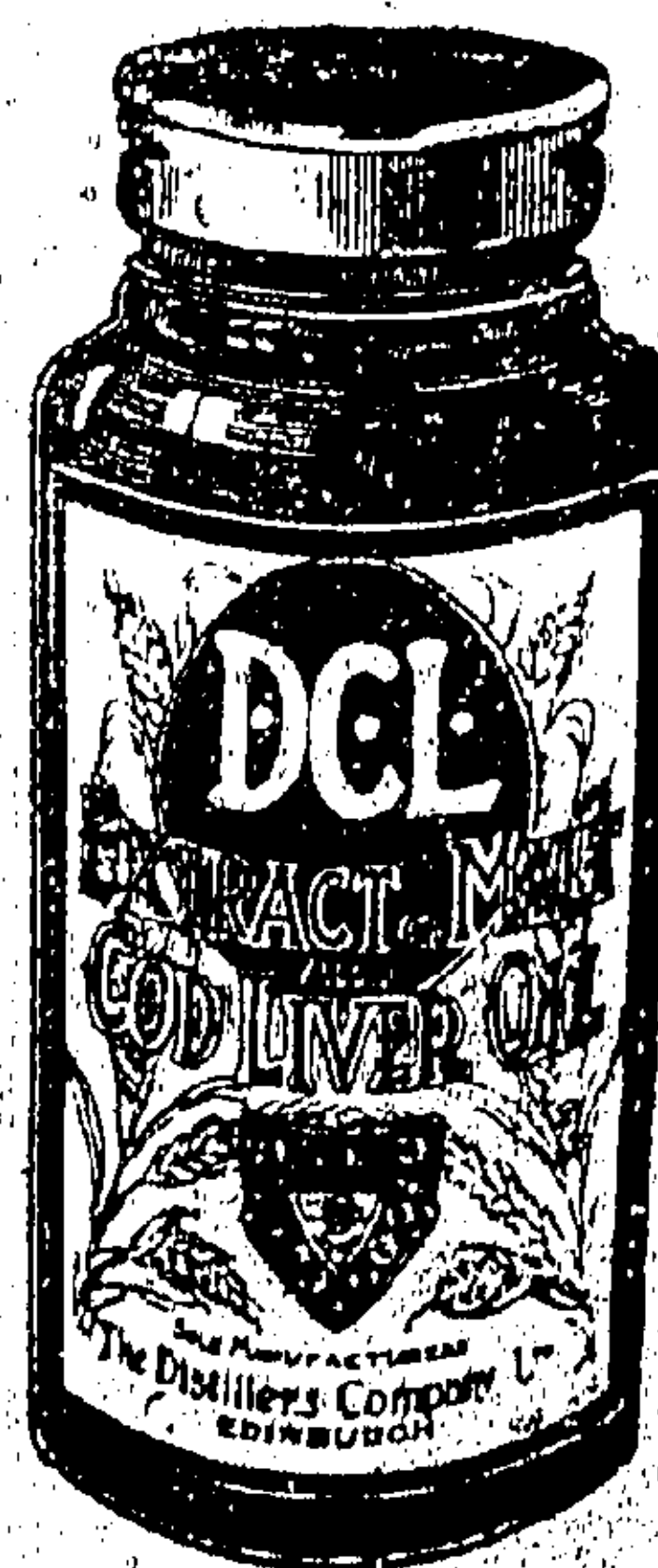
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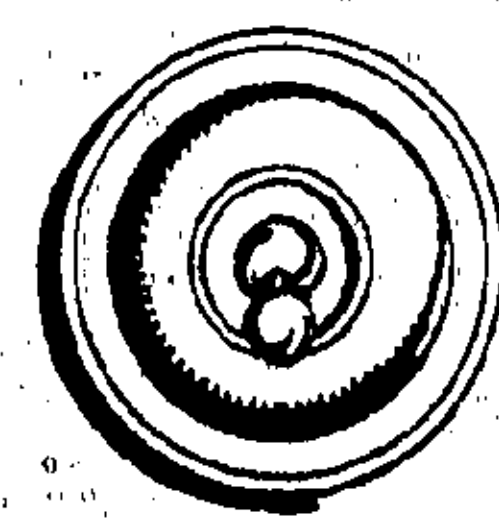
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Monday is the anniversary of
St. Luke the Evangelist.On Monday the Hong Kong
Telephone Co., Ltd. will be paying
an interim dividend of 3 per cent.
to registered shareholders.There will be two performances
at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, to-
morrow, when the Royal Italian
Opera Co. will present The Barber
of Seville at 6 p.m. and Madame
Butterfly at 9.15 p.m.Mr. Okamoto, Japanese farm-
ing expert, purchased 260 sheep for
breeding purposes. He shipped them
to Japan by the "Himalaya
Maru." Mr. Okamoto states that
the Japanese Government will dis-
tribute the sheep to the experi-
mental farms.An examination for the final
examination of persons who have
been bound by articles of clerkship
for a period of five years as pro-
vided in the Legal Practitioners
Ordinance, 1871, in order to ascer-
tain the fitness of such persons for
admission to practise as solicitors
in the Supreme Court of Hong
Kong, will be held on Monday,
November 15, 16 and 17.The two Bills relating to the
Volunteers and to the powers of
the Governor to appoint whom he
may please as Registrar of Mar-
riages were read a second time, con-
sidered clause by clause, read a
third time and became law at
yesterday's Council meeting. At
the Finance meeting which follow-
ed the Council all the votes which
have already been published were
passed.In view of the fact that the
Appellate Judges are now sitting in
the British Supreme Court, Shang-
hai, many enquiries have been made
as to whether Mr. Lawrence K.
Kentwell is to appeal against the
judgment handed down against him
on August 28 by His Honour Judge
Peter Guin in the case of
Chow Kwei-ching versus Lawrence
K. Kentwell in which the plaintiff
asked for an accounting in the
liquidation of the Shanghai Chinese
Coal Produce and Stock Exchange.
The China Press is now authorita-
tively informed that Mr. Kentwell
will not appeal and will let the
judgment stand.During the past few months
the immigration from China has
increased at Bangkok by as much
as 5,000 to 6,000 per month, after
allowing for departures. In con-
sequence of this, a third steamship
line is now plying in the cooler
trade between China ports and
Bangkok.London, September 27.—It is
announced that Lord Reading, Sir
Alfred Mond, Sir Hugo Hirst and
Mr. James de Rothschild are join-
ing the Board of Directors of the
Palestine Electric Corporation, Ltd.,
formed for the purpose of carrying
out Rutenberg's scheme for the
electrification of Palestine. The
capital has been fully subscribed.The draft estimates of revenue
and expenditure for the Muni-
cipality of Penang show a total of
\$2,214,850 revenue and \$2,444,147
expenditure including loan items.
The Malacca estimates show a total
of revenue \$366,450 and expendi-
ture \$441,576 including loan items.
The Singapore estimates are re-
venue \$12,498,600 and expenditure
\$13,575,904 including loan items.Washington, October 9.—The
enlisted strength of the United
States army has fallen to 110,345,
which is 8,405 below pay strength,
and 14,655 under the authorised
strength. It was announced to-
day. The reduction is attributed
to the order of September 15 which
stopped recruiting. The order
was issued to avoid a threatened
deficiency in funds.Realistically accurate in every
detail is a new group, typical of the
oil menace to sea birds, placed in
the Central Hall of the Natural His-
tory Museum, South Kensington.
It consists of a portion of sea beach
on the south coast showing the
effect on marine bird life of oil re-
fuse discharged by ships at sea.
The birds exhibited include red-
throated divers, guillemots, and a
razor bill. They were picked up
from time to time on the beach in
a dead or dying condition, their
feathers clogged with oil. This oil
floats on the surface of the water
and congeals into the consistency
of tar. When the birds give the
oil clogs their feathers. They can
neither swim nor fly, and drift
ashore and die of starvation.Following are the numbers of
arrivals from and departures to
Madras/Presidency for the month
of September:—Arrivals, adults,
13,511; minors, 2,498; departures,
4,363 adults; 236 minors. The
arrivals relate to added passengers
only.London, October 1.—The
"Railway Gazette" publishes a list
showing that Sonepur (India) pos-
sesses the longest railway station
platform in the world, 2,450 feet
long, Manchester 2,175 feet, Gorkha-
pur 2,112 feet, Melbourne 2,008
feet, and Baragani and Gonda each,
2,000 feet.Guam, October 8.—On receipt
of Representative Marcano's re-
solution providing that the Philip-
pine Islands be annexed to Guam,
the chairman of the Guam congress
called a special session of the mem-
bers and unanimously opposed the
measure. A committee is prepar-
ing a memorial to the Secretary of
the Navy and to President Coolidge,
voicing protests and objections.London, October 9.—The
"Daily Telegraph," without naming
its authority, makes the serious
charge against Premier Mussolini
of deliberately planning to make
war against Turkey at the earliest
opportunity. It is said that Turkey
is preparing for this event and has
already mobilised four army corps.
The writer says that vigorous in-
ternational efforts are in progress
to settle points of difference and
prevent a conflict.The Singapore Municipal health
statement for the week ending
September 25 gives the total num-
ber of deaths as 256, representing
a death-rate of 32.60, compared
with 29.04 the preceding week and
30.70 in the corresponding week of
last year. Among the nationalities
mortality occurred as follows:
Chinese 212, Indians 22, Malays 15,
and Europeans 2. The chief causes
of death were malaria, 37, pneu-
monia 38, phthisis 27, dysentery 22,
convulsions 22 and beriberi 12.
There were six deaths from enteric
fever. Fourteen persons died who
had been less than three months
resident in Singapore. The in-
fantile death-rate was 179.9, com-
pared with 229.5 in the previous
week and 201.4 in the correspond-
ing week of last year.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 7.—
Simon Bamberg, Utah's war
governor, first Democratic and non-
Mormon governor, died to-day.New York, September 30.—King
Ferdinand of Rumania is contem-
plating abdication as soon as
Queen Maria arrives in America.Mr. Bernard Gottlieb has been
recognised as consul for the United
States in Singapore and Mr. S. G.
Ebling as vice-consul for Penang.Berlin, October 6.—The British
ambassador who is leaving Berlin
gave a banquet last night which
President Von Hindenburg and the
diplomatic corps attended.News has reached Singapore that
Dr. Noel Clarke, of Singapore, who
is on holiday in Europe, has been
successfully operated on for appen-
dicitis in a London nursing home.H.E. Prince Sarasasra Siralak-
shana of Siam and his secretary,
Dr. M. C. Vallabhakorn and Dr.
O. L. V. Vidluker arrived at Singa-
pore by the "Mantua" on October
10.The Japanese Red Cross Asso-
ciation has donated 10,000 yen to
the American Red Cross Associa-
tion as a contribution towards the
relief of the Miami hurricane vic-
tims.The Rev. E. N. Greenhow, lately
chaplain of Province Wellesley, in
the diocese of Singapore, has been
appointed to the vicarage of Sark,
Channel Islands—patron, the Seig-
neur of Sark.A farewell dinner was given to
Mr. B. Nunn by the Municipal Com-
missioners at the Runnymede Hotel,
Penang. Mr. Nunn, who has been
President of the Municipal body,
goes home on retirement shortly.Kaifeng, October 9.—An attempt
made by Yencheng missionaries to
bring out Mrs. Davies and Miss
Poppins from Chowkiakow has failed
owing to the bandits holding
the roads 10 miles from Yencheng,
though General Chin Yun-ao and
other generals with large armies
are concentrated at Yencheng.
Nothing further has been heard of
the captured missionaries Messrs.
Davies and Poppins. Mr. Davies
was captured by bandits towards
the end of September and Mr.
Poppins on October 5.Madras, Sept. 27.—It is under-
stood that the wedding of Captain
Portal, A.D.C. to the Governor of
Madras, with the Hon. Cecily
Goschen, daughter of Lord
and Lady Goschen, will take place in
the third week in November at Madras.Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 8.—
Jackie Coogan's parents decided
to-day to acquiesce in his wishes
and to permit him to have his hair
trimmed into a boyish bob to-mor-
row. The youthful movie star has
been pleading for this for five years.
He is now 12 years old, and has
long flowing curls.White Sulphur Springs, Virginia,
October, 9.—Tex Rickard, world
famous fight promoter, "eloped"
with Miss Maxine Hodges of New
York and they were quietly married
in Lewisburg. They arrived here
yesterday on a brief honeymoon.
Rickard's first wife died about one
year ago.Two prominent Red Cross
workers will visit Manila in
December. The Honourable John
Barton Payne, chairman of the
American Red Cross, will be ac-
companied by Dr. Frederick
Humbert of the Secretariat of the
League of Red Cross Societies. Dr.
Humbert is chief of the health
division, and one of the most pre-
minent public health experts in
Europe.Rangoon, Oct. 1.—At the inquest
into the circumstances of the Han-
thawaddy District Police Superin-
tendent, Mr. J. T. M. Cowan's death,
the Magistrate found that the de-
ceased had committed suicide. He
looked normal on Wednesday even-
ing. It is understood that the
deceased occasionally suffered from
neurasthenia and insomnia. The
remains were buried yesterday at
Kungyangam.With reference to the announce-
ment in connection with the Annual
Fete which has been organised by
the Hong Kong Women's Guild and
Ministering Children's League and
which will take place in the
Grounds of Government House on
Saturday, November 6, (by kind per-
mission of His Excellency the Gov-
ernor) we have now received
full details of the many attractions
which have been organised. In
addition to a number of varied
stalls, lucky dips and side-shows,
a pastoral play will be presented
under the direction of Mrs. Chater
and Miss Capell.The Government of Nigeria have
nominated Sir Frederick John
Deatry Lugard, F.C., D.S.O., to
represent them on the governing
body of the Imperial College of
Tropical Agriculture.Major E. Bamford, V.C., D.S.O.,
R.M.L.I. who gained the highest
award for valour in the famous
action at Zebbrugge on April 23,
1918, arrived in the Colony yester-
day to take up his appointment as
Marine Musketry Officer to the
China Squadron. He will have his
headquarters at Stonecutters.Among the passengers arriving
from Europe yesterday by s.s.
"Mantua" were Dr. Saunders of
the Matilda Hospital, Mr. J. Murray
of the Government Civil Hospital,
accompanied by Mrs. Murray, Mr.
D. Brown of the Revenue Depart-
ment and Mr. H. A. Taylor,
Monopoly Analyst and Assistant
Superintendent of Imports and
Exports.It is announced that General
Bramwell Booth, of the Salvation
Army, who is on an extended tour
of the Far East, has re-arranged his
itinerary in order to visit Singapore
and Sumatra. General Booth is
inspecting the work of his organiza-
tion in Canada, Japan, Korea and
China. He will arrive at Singa-
pore by the "Karnala" on December
2, and will spend one day there.Singapore, Oct. 9.—In the pass-
ing away of Dr. E. H. de Vries of
Malacca, the poor in particular, to
whom in many instances he gave
free medical aid, lose a very valu-
able friend and professional adviser.
Dr. de Vries' death followed a
motor accident which occurred last
Monday week on his journey back
to Malacca, from Kuala Sungai
Bahr. From the time of his
admission to the hospital he was
unconscious, except during a short
period, until his death. Dr. de
Vries was born in Singapore on
April 4, 1884. He was of Dutch
descent, the son of the late Mr. A. H.
de Vries, and was educated at the
Anglo-Chinese School, Singapore,
where he won a scholarship, grad-
uating in Madras. On his re-
turn to this country he joined the
F.M.S. Government as Assistant
Surgeon, stationed at Kuala Pilah,
and Tainpin, and on October, 1910,
took charge of the Government
Out-door Dispensary, Malacca, and
in addition to this duty, he carried
out the work of the Deputy Regis-
trar of Deaths, also taking charge
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pointments he held up to the time
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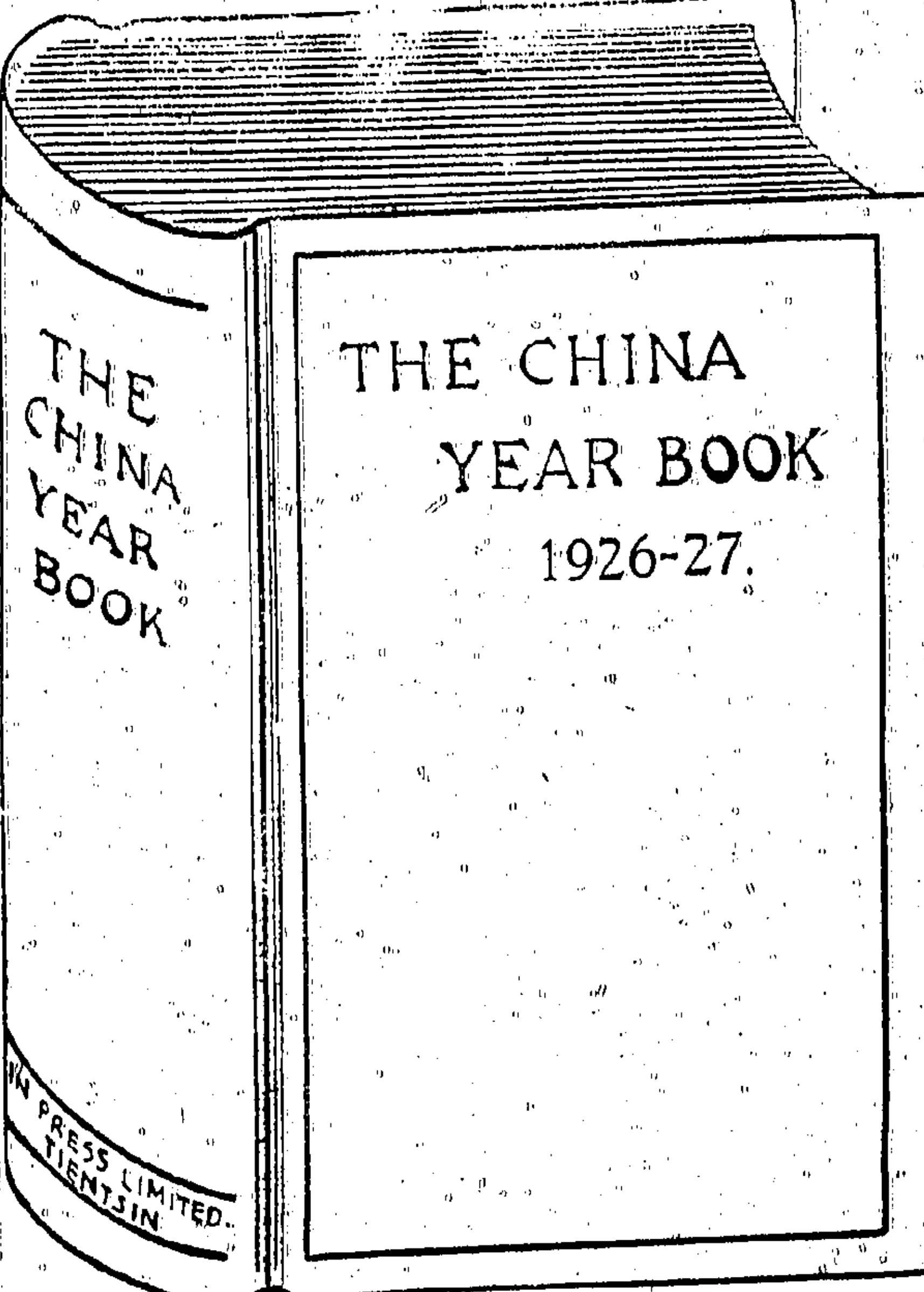
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People and Events in the News of the World



Mrs. Blanche Jelly Barker, has been elected president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the United Spanish American War Veterans, which met at Des Moines.



The "Big Four" of American tennis, defenders of the cup against the onslaught of foreign players. Left to right: R. Norris Williams, Vincent Richards, William (Little Bill) Johnston and William T. Tilden, 2d.



William J. Fallon, noted criminal lawyer, was severely burned when a woman entered his New York hotel room and threw acid in his face.



The detention of Willie Stevens and Henry de la B. Carpenter for the Iqui-Mills murder caused attorneys representing them and Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall to hold this tense court-room conference.



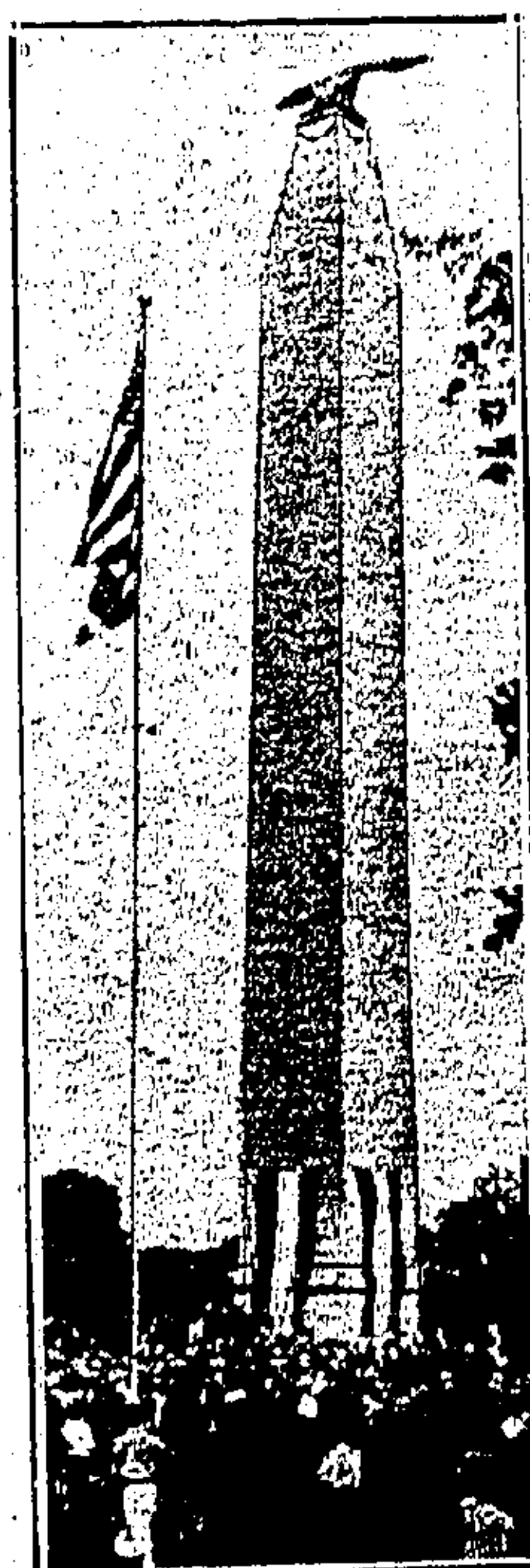
Mary Astor, red-headed actress, is to marry Irving Asher, cinema official.



Suzanne Lenglen, French tennis star, is shown signing her agreement with C. C. Pyle for a professional tour of America.



Lillian Cannon said good-bye to Gertrude Ederle as she left for her swim across the English Channel.



Secretary of State Kellogg officiated at the dedication of this monument in honour of Commander Thomas MacDonough, hero of the battle of Lake Champlain. It stands at Plattsburg.



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George Holden Tinkham, representative from Massachusetts, demands prosecution of the Anti-Saloon League for alleged election irregularities. Charles S. Barrett, head of the National Farmers' Union, Secretary of Commerce Hoover, and Secretary of Agriculture Jardine conferred with President Coolidge on a plan to aid farmers with private loans.

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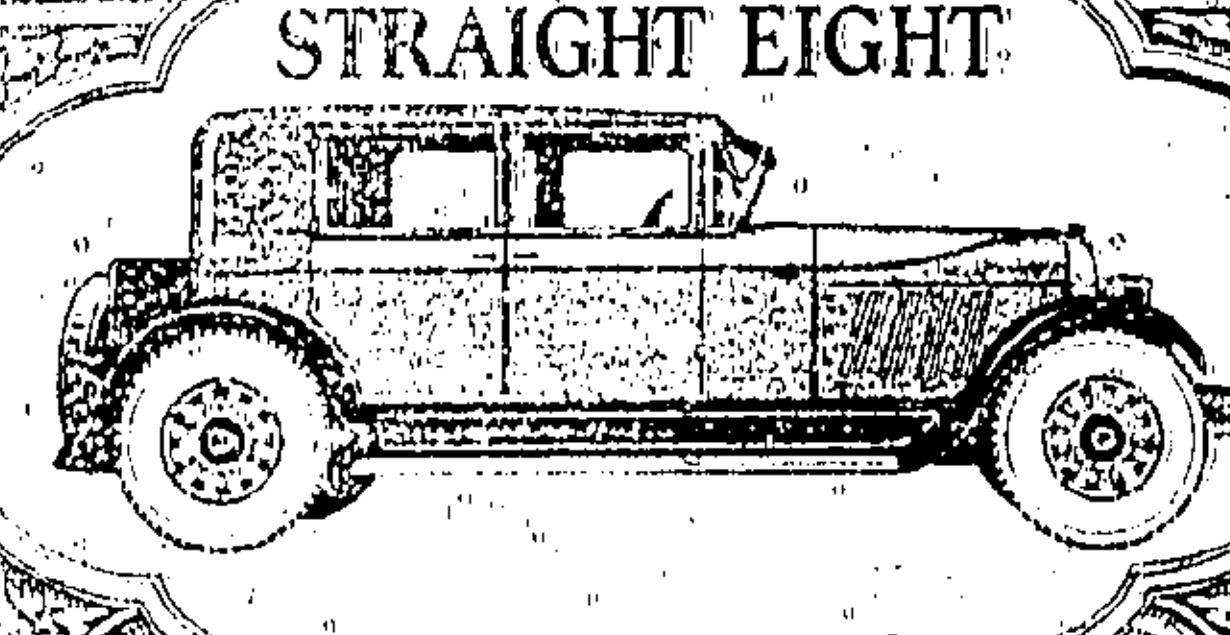
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QUEER "LATIN."

Examination Note:—"Translate the following into English: 'Is abile rego fortibus es in aro!'"
And this was how one candidate did it:—"I say, Bill, 'ere go forty buses in a row."

WHY?

Why is it that people sit in the bus we miss, and in the bus we finally catch, are crowded like this?

MORE RIDDLES.

What is the difference between a swallow and a milkmaid?—One skims the water and the other skims the milk.

Why are feet like certain old stories?—Because they are legends.

Why should a girl remain unseated when wearing a silk dress?—Because it is not sat-in.

Why is charity like an umbrella?—Because it is most useful when most widely extended.

Why is a bill like an old chair?—Because one is receipted and the other repeated.

Why does a glass-blower think he can make the alphabet gallop?—Because he can make a de-can-ter.

What is everything in the world doing at the same time?—Growing older.

What is that word of five syllables from which if you take one away no syllable remains?—Monosyllable.

NAUGHTY BOY!

"Well, Billie," said Uncle George, "how do you stand in school these days?"

"In the corner mostly," returned Billie.

EVOLUTION.

An innocent-looking country gentleman and a haughty sportsman were sitting opposite each other in a train. The latter had a fine dog with him, and was constantly being annoyed by the other asking about the pedigree of his dog. At last he replied to the curious farmer, "Well, if you so much want to know, I'll tell you. The animal is a cross between a farmer and a monkey!"

"Oh!" said the farmer, "so I see it's related to both of us."

ECONOMICAL.

"Waiter, I came in yesterday for a steak."

"Yes, sir. Will you have the same to-day?"

"Why, I might as well if nobody else is using it."

A "TALL" STORY.

American Tourist: "You sure have a heluva lot of mountains about here."

Swiss Guide: "Yes, we had so much land we had to put it in heaps."

SHORT TURNS & ENCORES.

A very intelligent young friend of mine rushed up to me the other afternoon, and asked me if scholars went to school in their scholarships. Could you beat that!

Every woman has views on dress—er, yes, through the shop windows.

Motorists are said to want quick meals on the road. And are in such a hurry they just bolt them and then bolt themselves.

Some Japanese colour prints are done with the elbow. 'S'Funny! They are usually done with the feet, aren't they?

Why don't we have open-air radio concerts in Hong Kong. It will prove a very popular thing, because people who now are tired of listening in will have a chance then to listen out.

KEEP YOUR YOUTH.

Short-cut of the Tobacco Habit.

Much has been written in recent years about ways in which old people can become young again, but it is better to remain young as long as possible, for once youth has fled it can never be

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brought back. And many people, moreover, become old unnecessarily early.

But a well-known doctor has just been lecturing at Vienna University on one of the commonest short-cuts to old age—the pleasant short-cut through the tobacco-leaves. Nothing ages the body so surely and quickly as poisoning the wonderful little cells of which it is built up, and no poisons are much deadlier in this way than alcohol and tobacco.

Poisoning by alcohol is soon evident to everybody, but poisoning by tobacco takes place slowly and imperceptibly, and smokers may become prematurely old without suspecting that tobacco has hastened their old age. Tobacco also has a danger which alcohol has not. A man who drinks too much alcohol poisons only himself, but smokers poison other people by polluting the atmosphere around them, and it is said to be true that waiters always become pale and old-looking even though they do not smoke themselves.

Smoking is also bad for the face, and in these days when so many women smoke it is well that they should be told again and again that they are sacrificing their youth and doing injury to the rising generation.

"SONGS OF THE CAGED BIRD"

[By Marjorie Wilson.]

To-day I felt the quiet wings of the spring
Tap on my bars, as, breaking through the rain,
The sun came, teaching me a song again,
Who for a time have had no notes to sing.

Like feather down I saw soft clouds go by;
Music I heard from trees that touched the blue,
And down from heaven a lark's song tumbled through,
While wings gleamed there like brown stars of the sky.

My heart was out across the meadows then,
My own small shadow on the hills I saw,
Darting across the golden grass, once more,
Or flashing over stone-built homes of men.

Only a moment did the thought assuage
My hungering wings to dream of far-off skies
And the gold fields of earth 'Round me rise,
Like flaming swords, the gilt bars of my cage.

20 YEARS LOST.

Romantic Story of Two Friends.

A very romantic story comes from Paris about a man who was lost for twenty years and then found.

His name is Jean Durand, and twenty years ago he was seen everywhere in Paris with the brilliant poet Jean Moreas. The two were almost inseparable. Jean Durand loved Jean Moreas with an adoring love. Like everybody else, he thought Moreas was the most amazing figure, the most marvellous writer that Paris had produced for a long time.

The poet had a great following; he was said to have founded a school of poetry, and wherever he went would be followed by him; whatever he wrote a number of would-be geniuses sat down and tried to write something like it, and sighed and failed.

The Thorny Road to Fame.

Moreas behaved to them like a University professor, a father, and a brother, all in one. No one knew better than he what a thorny road to fame is trod by a struggling poet. For some years this brilliant and beloved figure fitted up and down the streets of Montparnasse, Jean Durand always at his side.

Then, while still practically a young man, Moreas found himself on his death-bed, and there he composed something that gave him intense pleasure. He made a will arranging that all the royalties due from his books should be stored up and set aside for a Moreas prize for modern poetry. Jean Durand was appointed executor of the trust.

Jean Durand Disappears.

The young writers of Paris were so overwhelmed by the death of their idol that they did not think much about the prize his will had founded. Years passed. Changes came. Jean Durand drifted from Paris, and the literary world lost sight of him. Some absent-minded person lost his address, and as Jean never came back to Paris at any rate to his old haunts—he was forgotten.

No one ever expects poets to be businesslike. Jean Durand failed to keep in touch with the publishers of his old friend's books. Perhaps he thought they had his address; and as no communications came from them he presumed there were no royalties worth the name payable from the sale of the other Jean's books.

Buried Among His Books.

But in the meantime the royalties were mounting up. More years passed by. It became known that forty thousand francs lay in the fund for the Moreas prize for new poetry, and the trustee to the fund could not be found. Nothing could be done with the money without his signature. After a while the whole story became a myth in the minds of the younger generation of poets.

But all the time someone was searching for Jean Durand. And he has been found, an old man "dead to the world" as we should say, buried among his books, and papers in a village in the south of France. He has been hailed out of his retirement, and is being requested to go into the matter of his neglected duties as trustee of the Moreas prize fund.

Now it is known that his signature will release the stored sums of money there is considerable excitement among the writers of modern poetry in Paris. We shall be very interested to hear on whose fortunate head the laurel falls.

A KITCHEN BOUQUET.

Below you will find three recipes for meat dishes which I am exceedingly certain are sure to please you. They are, in fact, not intended for amateurs; but an experienced cook can manage them quite easily.

Planked Hamburger.

Season two pounds of Hamburger meat with salt, pepper, minced onion, and cooking-sauce; bind all together with one beaten egg and one-half cupful of milk. Some bread-crumbs, crackers, or cooked cereal may be added also to make it go farther. Form the mixture into a thick steak and cook for fifteen minutes in a hot frying-pan, turning once during the cooking so that both sides of the steak are nicely browned. Place this cooked steak on the centre of a hot plank; surround with mashed potatoes piped through a pastry-tube; add glazed carrots and one can of peas drained from the liquor. Season all with salt, pepper, and butter, and put in the oven and cook until the meat is thoroughly done and the potatoes are browned. This will take about fifteen minutes.

Hamburger Dumplings.

Required: 1 pound ground round steak, 1/2 cupful dry uncooked rice, 1/2 green pepper chopped, 1/2 onion-minced, salt and pepper to taste.

Mixed the ingredients, mould into small balls, and drop into boiling salted water, just enough to cover them. Boil slowly for thirty minutes. At the end of that time add one cupful of tomato-pulp or tomato soup, drop a tablespoonful of dumpling batter on top of each cake, cover tightly, and steam for twelve minutes. Serve with the gravy in the kettle poured around the meat balls.

Lobster en Casserole.

Required: 1 cupful lobster, 1 cupful milk, 1 1/2 tablespoonful flour, 1 teaspoonful salt, 1/4 teaspoonful paprika, 1 1/2 tablespoonful butter, 1 1/2 tablespoonful lemon-juice, 2 cupfuls canned peas, 1/4 cupful bread crumbs, 4 teaspoonfuls minced parsley.

Shred the lobster. Make a paste of the flour and a small portion of the milk. Place the rest of the milk in the upper part of the double boiler, and when warm add the flour-paste. Cook, stirring constantly, until the sauce thickens; then add the salt, paprika, parsley, butter, and lemon-juice. Drain the peas and rinse them in cold water; then stir them into this sauce. Place a layer of the bread-crumbs in the bottom of a greased baking-dish; then add alternate layers of the lobster and sauce, using the remainder of the bread crumbs as the top layer. Set the casserole in a pan of warm water and bake about thirty minutes.

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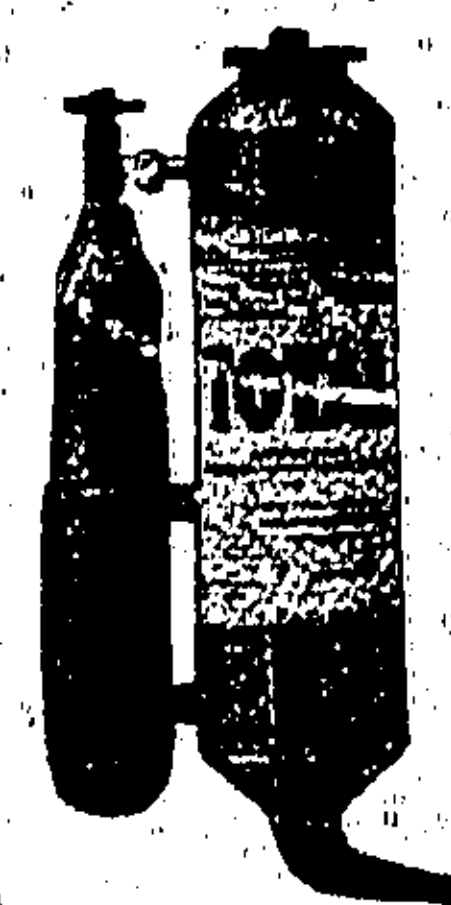
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COAL CRISIS.

MINERS FORM COUNCIL OF WAR.

A NEW PHASE.

London, October 15. It is officially announced that the Miners' Executive Committee has now become the Central Council of War. The first meeting will be held at Nottingham on October 16.

Pre-Stoppage Conditions.

London, Oct. 15. The decision on the formation of a Council of War was taken at a meeting of the Miners' Executive which resolved to revert to a demand for pre-stoppage conditions, arranged for a meeting of the Federation of Engine-men, Boiler-men, and Mechanics and endeavour to withdraw safety men; similarly to meet the Trade Union General Council and press for a levy and embargo; and, finally, to conduct an intensive campaign of propaganda in the mining areas.—Reuter.

Plans of Despair.

Rugby, Oct. 15. The Miners' Executive, resuming its meeting to-day, considered further action in view of the vote of the districts favouring the withdrawal of safety men, an embargo on foreign coal, a levy on other trades Unions, and a stoppage of work on outcrops.

According to an official statement, it was decided to discuss the withdrawal of safety men with the Secretary of that Union; to ask for a special meeting of the General Council of the Trade Union Congress, in order to place before it a request for a levy and embargo; and to send out a request to miners to remain loyal to the Federation and cease producing coal from outcrops.

It was further arranged that members of the Executive and the miners' members of Parliament should proceed to the different areas to carry on propaganda with a view to bringing out men who have returned to work.

The Executive will form itself into a "Central Council of War." It will hold its next meeting on Tuesday at the miners' offices at Basford, in Nottinghamshire, and will remain in the Midlands for the time being.

These decisions of the Miners' Executive are generally regarded as plans of despair. It has been made abundantly clear at any rate that an embargo on coal imports is impracticable, and that other Unions could not, if they would, help the miners with a levy. There is also little prospect of the men who have resumed work, being induced to come out again by the leaders' forlorn hopes.

The increase in the number of men resuming work goes steadily on, there being 5,289 more at work to-day bringing the total to 236,892.—British Wireless Service.

Boom in Germany.

Berlin, October 15. The textile industry at Krefeld, Munchen and Gladbach districts, West Germany's Lancashire, are booming largely in consequence of the British coal stoppage. Spinning, weaving and other process mills, cotton, woollen and silk trades are running full time, in some instances in double shifts. A similar situation obtains in numerous factories where clothing is made.—Reuter.

EMPIRE'S DEAD.

TABLET IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

Rugby, October 15. Immediately before the opening of the Imperial Conference next Tuesday, the Prince of Wales will unveil a tablet erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission in Westminster Abbey to the memory of 1,000,000 dead of the British Empire. The Prime Minister and representatives of the Dominions and the Colonies now assembled in London for the Conference will be present.—British Wireless Service.

BANKING.

TWO AMERICAN CONCERNS COMBINE.

New York, October 15. The Irving Bank Trust Company has amalgamated with the Exchange Pacific National Bank. Their combined resources amount to \$755,000,000 gold.—Reuter.

LIBERAL LEADER.

LORD OXFORD EXPLAINS HIS RESIGNATION.

Rugby, Oct. 15.

Lord Oxford and Asquith has resigned the leadership of the Liberal Party but will continue in public life. In a letter announcing his decision, which is irrevocable, he states that he still hopes to be of some service to the State and to Liberalism.

It will be recalled that acute differences among leading members of the Liberal Party arose during the General Strike, and they have created a situation which Lord Oxford says has necessitated reconsideration from every point of view of his personal relations with the Party. He affirms that he sees nothing to withdraw from his letter criticising the attitude of Mr. Lloyd George, which he wrote soon after the strike was over, and repeats that it was with as much distress as surprise that he found his public declarations during the strike were met with a challenge from a quarter which it was impossible for him to disregard, coupled with a refusal at a time of national crisis to meet him in council.

Proceeding, he says: "I cannot and will not take any part direct or indirect in sectional controversy. I am now in my seventy-fifth year. I have been for the best part of half a century in public life. I was Prime Minister for a longer consecutive term, and had to face graver responsibilities than any of my predecessors during the last hundred years. For still longer a time I have been leader of the Liberal Party. Though my health is now restored I feel that anxieties and responsibilities of leadership ought not to be undertaken or continued by any one who cannot be reasonably certain that he can stand the strain."

Lord Oxford's announcement was made on the eve of his speech at the Conference of the Scottish Liberal Federation, in which it was anticipated that the future prospects of the party and his own relations with it would be fully examined, and the Federation this morning adjourned when a resolution reaffirming its confidence in Lord Oxford was reached. Newspapers of all shades of opinion pay tribute to the great services to the State which Lord Oxford has rendered during his long Parliamentary career.—British Wireless Service.

Who Will Succeed?

Rugby, Oct. 15. The resignation of Lord Oxford and Asquith from the leadership of the Liberal Party raises the question of who will be the new leader. The idea generally prevailing in

A WINDFALL.

GOVERNMENT'S PROFITS FROM ANGLO-PERSIANS.

Rugby, Oct. 15.

The British Government have received a windfall of about seven and a half million sterling in consequence of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company's decision to capitalise 25,163,128 to the general reserve. This decision means the distribution of a bonus of one new share for every ordinary one pound share held. The British Government holds 5,000,000 ordinary shares.

When the news of the share bonus was received yesterday, shares rose from 4.27-32 pounds to 5.9-16. At this figure the Government's holding is worth over £41,000,000. Allowing, however, for a fall after the bonus has been declared, it is probable that the Government's net gain will be about £7,700,000. In addition Government receives a 17½ per cent. dividend for the year against 12½ per cent. for the previous year.—British Wireless Service.

FRENCH REVENUE.

ENCOURAGING FIGURES FOR NINE MONTHS.

Paris, October 15.

The revenue returns for September totalled 3,132,000,000 francs showing an excess of 1,267,000,000, compared with September 1925, and for the first nine months of this year 25,295,000,000 francs, an excess of 6,301,000,000, compared the same period last year.—Havas.

Liberal circles is that for the present Mr. Lloyd George will continue to lead the party in the House of Commons, as he has done since Lord Oxford went to the House of Lords, and that Earl Beauchamp will become leader in the Upper House.

It is realised, however, that eventually a choice will have to be made of an actual leader of the party. Various personages have been mentioned for the leadership in addition to Mr. Lloyd George, who holds strong claims. Viscount Glyn, Sir John Simon, Lord Reading, Sir Herbert Samuel, and Lord Beauchamp have in turn been named. The discussions which have been experienced in the party have rendered the question of the leadership difficult.

Mr. Lloyd George will make a speech at Barnstable to-morrow, when he is expected to make a pronouncement on the position.—British Wireless Service.

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